

Form No. 4
{See rule 11(1)}
ORDER SHEET
ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL, REGIONAL BENCH, LUCKNOW
Court No.1

O.A. No. 347 of 2021

Ex. Hav. Mukesh

By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Others

By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

Notes of the Registry	Orders of the Tribunal
	<p><u>23.03.2022</u> <u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u> <u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Counter Affidavit filed by the respondents and Rejoinder Affidavit filed by the applicant are taken on record.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Heard Shri Virendra Kumar Gupta, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Manu Kumar Srivastava, Ld. Counsel for the respondents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Original Application is allowed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For order, see our Judgment passed on separate sheets.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Misc. Application, if any, pending for disposal, shall be treated to have been disposed of.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve) Member (A)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava) Member (J)</p> <p>AKD/-</p>

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Ex. A. No. 06 of 2022 Inre : Ex. A. No. 43 of 2019 & Inre : O.A. No. 105 of 2017

Smt. Poonam Shukla
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Others
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

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R.A. No. 34 of 2022 with M.A. No. 273 of 2022 Inre : O.A. No. 497 of 2017

Union of India and Others

Review Applicants

Versus

Smt. Satbiri W/o Late Ex. Sep. Ajaipal Singh
By Legal Practitioner for Respondent

Respondent

Notes of the Registry	Orders of the Tribunal
	<p><u>23.03.2022</u> <u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u> <u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Heard Dr. Shailendra Sharma, Ld. Counsel for the review applicants – Union of India and Others and Shri K.K. Mishra, Ld. Counsel for the respondent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In view of order dated 10.01.2022 of the Hon'ble Apex Court in Miscellaneous Application No. 21/2022 in MA 665/2021 in Suo Motu Writ Petition (C) No.3/2020, there is no delay in filing of Review Application, however, an application for condonation of delay has been moved which being not required is dismissed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The applicants-Union of India & Others have filed this application under Rule 18 of the Armed Forces Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 2008 by which applicant has prayed for review and setting aside the judgement and order dated 14.01.2019 of this Tribunal passed in Original Application No. 497 of 2017 <i>inter alia</i> on the ground that husband of the applicant was discharged from DSC service on completion of his initial terms of engagement, hence he is not entitled for the grant of disability pension.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The operating portion of the order reads as under:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“In view of the above, the Original Application No 497 of 2017 deserves to be allowed, hence allowed. Husband of the applicant was entitled to disability pension w.e.f. the date of his discharge but the applicant has approached this Tribunal with long delay so the arrears of disability pension and benefits of rounding off to 75% shall be restricted w.e.f. three years prior to the date of filing of this Original Application till the date of death of husband of applicant. The date of filing of this Original Application is 21.12.2016. The respondents are directed to give effect to this order within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. Default will invite interest @ 9% per annum till actual payment.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The order of which review has been sought was passed by the Bench</p>

comprising of Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.V.S. Rathore, Member (J) (since retired) and Hon'ble Air Marshal B.B.P. Sinha, Member (A) (since since retired).

It is a settled proposition of law that the scope of the review is limited and until it is shown that there is error apparent on the face of record in the judgment and order sought to be reviewed, the same cannot be reviewed. For ready reference, Order 47, Rule 1 sub-rule (1) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 is reproduced below :-

"1. Application for review of judgment.- (1) any person considering himself aggrieved-

*(a) by a decree or order from which an appeal is allowed, but from which no appeal has been preferred,
(b) by a decree or order from which no appeal is allowed, or
(c) by a decision on a reference from a Court of Small Causes, and who, from the discovery of new and important matter or evidence which, after the exercise of due diligence, was not within his knowledge or could not be produced by him at the time when the decree was passed or order made, or on account of some mistake or error apparent on the face of the record , or for any other sufficient reason, desires to obtain a review of the decree passed or order made against him, may apply for a review of judgment to the Court which passed the decree or made the order."*

In view of the principles of law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in various decisions, it is settled that the scope of review jurisdiction is very limited and re-hearing is not permissible. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Para 9 of its judgment in the case of ***Parsion Devi and others vs. Sumitri Devi and others***, reported in (1997) 8 Supreme Court Cases 715, has observed as under :-

"9. Under Order 47, Rule 1 CPC a judgment may be open to review inter alia if there is a mistake or an error apparent on the face of the record. An error which is not self- evident and has to be detected by a process of reasoning, can hardly be said to be an error apparent on the face of the record justifying the court to exercise its power of review under Order 47, Rule 1 CPC. In exercise of the jurisdiction under Order 47, Rule 1 CPC it is not permissible for an erroneous decision to be "reheard and corrected". There is a clear distinction between an erroneous decision and an error apparent on the face of the record. While the first can be corrected by the higher forum, the latter only can be corrected by exercise of the review jurisdiction. A review petition has a limited purpose and cannot be allowed to be "an appeal in disguise."

We have gone through the judgment and order sought to be reviewed and no illegality or irregularity or error apparent on the face of record being found therein, we are of the view that there is no force in the grounds taken in the review application so that order may be reviewed.

In the result, Review Application is **rejected**.

(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)

(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)
Member (J)

AKD/-

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O.A. No. 522 of 2021

Ex. Sub. Vijay Kumar Dubedi
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Others
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

Notes of the Registry	Orders of the Tribunal
	<p><u>23.03.2022</u> <u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u> <u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></p> <p>Counter affidavit filed by the respondents is taken on record.</p> <p>Heard Shri Virat Anand Singh, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Ms. Anju Singh, Ld. Counsel for the respondents.</p> <p>Learned counsel for the applicant submits that applicant was enrolled in the Army on 23.07.1984 and was discharged from service on 31.07.2014 in low medical category for which applicant is in receipt of 30% disability element for his disability "PRIMARY HYPERTENSION" but the benefit of rounding off has not been given to the applicant till today in terms of Govt. of India letter dated 31.01.2001.</p> <p>Learned counsel for the respondents submits that applicant has been granted disability element @ 30% for life w.e.f. 01.08.2014 vide PPO dated 29.10.2014.</p> <p>She further submitted that consequent upon issuance of PCDA (P) Allahabad Circular No. 596 dated 09.02.2018, broad banding benefits of disability/war injury element with effect from 01.01.2016 are extended to all pre 01.01.2016 pensioners who were in receipt of disability element as on 31.12.2015 and the responsibility for grant of broad banding benefits has been given to Pension Disbursing Agencies (PDAs) of the pensioners for suomoto revision of the such cases. Hence, the applicant is required to approach his PDA directly for rounding off benefit w.e.f. 01.01.2016.</p> <p>She also submitted that the Chief Manager, SBI (CPPC), Prayagraj has again been requested vide Signal Records letter dated 17.01.2022 to make the payment to the applicant as per revised rate of rounding off benefits of disability element for life w.e.f. 01.01.2016. A copy of letter has also been forwarded to the applicant advising him to approach his PDA for revision of his disability element accordingly.</p>

In view of above, Bank concerned i.e. PDA of the applicant is directed to grant benefit of rounding off @ 50% on disability element of the applicant from 01.01.2016 and pay arrears of disability element (from 30% to 50%) to the applicant within a period of four months positively. Default will invite interest @ 8% per annum till actual payment.

With the aforesaid direction, Original Application is **disposed off** finally.

(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)

(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)
Member (J)

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O.A. No. 792 of 2021

Ex. Nk. Hukam Singh
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Others
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

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	<p><u>23.03.2022</u> <u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u> <u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></p> <p>Heard Shri R. Chandra, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri R.K.S. Chauhan, Ld. Counsel for the respondents and Shri Rajeev Tiwari, AO, PCDA (P), Prayagraj.</p> <p>In regard to grievance raised in Original Application, learned counsel for the respondents submits that the same has been redressed by the respondents and PPO has been generated on 11.02.2022. Thus, he submits that since grievance raised in application has been redressed, application may be dismissed being infructuous.</p> <p>Learned counsel for the applicant submits that applicant was serving in 'X' group and was discharged from service in low medical category on 30.11.2003 (AN). The applicant was granted disability pension from the date of discharge from service vide this Tribunal's order dated 10.05.2012 passed in O.A. No. 395 of 2011 but the PPO granting disability pension to the applicant has been issued in 'Y' Group and since then applicant is being paid disability pension of 'Y' group instead of 'X' group. Since, the PPO showing the applicant in 'X' group has been issued on 11.02.2022 after a gap of approx 10 years and nothing has been mentioned in the PPO with regard to interest on delayed payment of arrears, applicant deserves for interest atleast @ 8% per annum on delayed payment.</p> <p>A copy of PPO has been produced before us for perusal. We have perused the PPO and we find that Corrigendum PPO has been issued in terms of the grievance raised in application; however, nothing is mentioned in the PPO with regard to interest on delayed payment of arrears which is issued after a period of 10 years.</p>

Accordingly, we deem it proper to grant interest to the applicant on delayed payment of arrears. The respondents are directed to pay simple interest @ 6% per annum on delayed payment of arrears of disability pension to the applicant within a period of four months. Default will invite interest @ 8% per annum till actual payment.

With the aforesaid direction, Original Application is **disposed off** finally.

(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)

(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)
Member (J)

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R.A. No. 30 of 2022 with M.A. No. 195 of 2022 Inre O.A. No 35 of 2021

Ex Sep Ram Pal

Applicant

Versus

Union of India and Others

Respondents

By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

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13. *Consequently, the application being devoid of merit is liable to be dismissed. Resultantly, O.A. is dismissed.*"

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We have gone through the judgment and order sought to be reviewed and no illegality or irregularity or error apparent on the face of record being found therein and order was passed on the basis of facts available on record, we are of the view that there is no force in the grounds taken in the review application so that order may be reviewed.

In the result, Review Application is **rejected**.

(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)

(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)
Member (J)

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