

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

1. O.A. No. 770 of 2022 with M.A. No. 947 of 2022

Ex. Nk. Ganesh Singh
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>05.12.2022</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 Lt. Col. Nidhikant Dhyani (Retd.), Ld. Counsel appearing for the applicant and Shri Rajesh Sharma, Ld. Counsel appearing for the respondents.</p> <p>This application has been filed against recovery of Rs.1,14,961/- which the respondents have made from the account of the applicant.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the applicant submits that applicant has retired from the Territorial Army after rendering more than 15 years embodied service. At the time of discharge from service a sum of Rs.1,14,961/- was recovered saying excess payment has been made to the applicant in the form of annual increment.</p> <p>A prayer has also been made for issuing direction to the respondents to grant annual increment to the applicant.</p> <p>It is submitted that there is a delay of 15 years, 11 months and 21 days in filing the Original Application which is not intentional. Further, the cause of action is recurring cause.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the respondents has vehemently opposed the prayer.</p> <p>Upon hearing submissions of Ld. Counsel of both sides we find that cause shown is sufficient. Accordingly, delay is condoned. Delay condonation application stands disposed off accordingly.</p> <p><u>O.A. No. 770 of 2022</u></p> <p>Case needs adjudication.</p> <p>Admit.</p> <p>Issue notice to the respondents.</p> <p>Shri Rajesh Sharma, Advocate has accepted notice on behalf of the</p>

respondents, hence service of notice is waived.

Respondents may file Counter Affidavit within four weeks. Thereafter, applicant will have two weeks time to file Rejoinder Affidavit, if any.

List on **27.02.2023**.

(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)

(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)
Member (J)

AKD/-

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2. O.A. No. 771 of 2022 with M.A. No. 948 of 2022

Ex. Sep. Mahesh Chandra Kapri
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Others
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

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	<p><u>05.12.2022</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 Lt. Col. Nidhikant Dhyani (Retd.), Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Rajesh Sharma, Ld. Counsel for the respondents.</p> <p>This application has been filed against recovery of Rs.2,58,077/- which the respondents have made from the account of the applicant.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the applicant submits that applicant has retired from the Territorial Army after rendering more than 13 years embodied service. At the time of discharge from service a sum of Rs.2,58,077/- was recovered saying excess payment has been made to the applicant in the form of annual increment.</p> <p>A prayer has also been made for issuing direction to the respondents to grant annual increment to the applicant.</p> <p>It is submitted that there is a delay of 11 years, 06 months and 18 days in filing the Original Application which is not intentional. Further, the cause of action is recurring cause.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the respondents has vehemently opposed the prayer.</p> <p>Upon hearing submissions of Ld. Counsel of both sides we find that cause shown is sufficient. Accordingly, delay is condoned. Delay condonation application stands disposed off accordingly.</p> <p><u>O.A. No. 771 of 2022</u></p> <p>Case needs adjudication. Admit.</p>

Issue notice to the respondents.

Shri Rajesh Sharma, Advocate has accepted notice on behalf of the respondents, hence service of notice is waived.

Respondents may file Counter Affidavit within four weeks. Thereafter, applicant will have two weeks time to file Rejoinder Affidavit, if any.

List on **27.02.2023**.

(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)

(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)
Member (J)

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3. O.A. No. 772 of 2022 with M.A. No. 949 of 2022

Ex. Nk. Rajendra Prasad
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Others
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

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	<p><u>05.12.2022</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 Lt. Col. Nidhikant Dhyani (Retd.), Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Rajesh Sharma, Ld. Counsel for the respondents.</p> <p>This application has been filed against recovery of Rs.1,77,077/- which the respondents have made from the account of the applicant.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the applicant submits that applicant has retired from the Territorial Army after rendering more than 15 years embodied service. At the time of discharge from service a sum of Rs.1,77,077/- was recovered saying excess payment has been made to the applicant in the form of annual increment.</p> <p>A prayer has also been made for issuing direction to the respondents to grant annual increment to the applicant.</p> <p>It is submitted that there is a delay of 16 years, 08 months and 18 days in filing the Original Application which is not intentional. Further, the cause of action is recurring cause.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the respondents has vehemently opposed the prayer.</p> <p>Upon hearing submissions of Ld. Counsel of both sides we find that cause shown is sufficient. Accordingly, delay is condoned. Delay condonation application stands disposed off accordingly.</p> <p><u>O.A. No. 772 of 2022</u></p> <p>Case needs adjudication. Admit.</p>

Issue notice to the respondents.

Shri Rajesh Sharma, Advocate has accepted notice on behalf of the respondents, hence service of notice is waived.

Respondents may file Counter Affidavit within four weeks. Thereafter, applicant will have two weeks time to file Rejoinder Affidavit, if any.

List on **27.02.2023**.

(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)

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4. O.A. No. 773 of 2022 with M.A. No. 950 of 2022

Ex. Nk. Narayan Datt Punetha
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Others
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

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	<p><u>05.12.2022</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 Lt. Col. Nidhikant Dhyani (Retd.), Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Rajesh Sharma, Ld. Counsel for the respondents.</p> <p>This application has been filed against recovery of Rs.2,93,601/- which the respondents have made from the account of the applicant.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the applicant submits that applicant has retired from the Territorial Army after rendering more than 15 years embodied service. At the time of discharge from service a sum of Rs.2,93,601/- was recovered saying excess payment has been made to the applicant in the form of annual increment.</p> <p>A prayer has also been made for issuing direction to the respondents to grant annual increment to the applicant.</p> <p>It is submitted that there is a delay of 06 days only in filing the Original Application which is not intentional. Further, the cause of action is recurring cause.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the respondents has vehemently opposed the prayer.</p> <p>Upon hearing submissions of Ld. Counsel of both sides we find that cause shown is sufficient. Accordingly, delay is condoned. Delay condonation application stands disposed off accordingly.</p> <p><u>O.A. No. 773 of 2022</u></p> <p>Case needs adjudication.</p> <p>Admit.</p> <p>Issue notice to the respondents.</p> <p>Shri Rajesh Sharma, Advocate has accepted notice on behalf of the</p>

respondents, hence service of notice is waived.

Respondents may file Counter Affidavit within four weeks. Thereafter, applicant will have two weeks time to file Rejoinder Affidavit, if any.

List on **27.02.2023**.

(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)

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5. O.A. No. 774 of 2022 with M.A. No. 951 of 2022

Ex. Nk. Shyam Datt Bhatt
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Others
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

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	<p><u>05.12.2022</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 Lt. Col. Nidhikant Dhyani (Retd.), Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Neeraj Upreti, Ld. Counsel for the respondents.</p> <p>There is a delay of 18 years, 10 months and 18 days in filing of Original Application.</p> <p>This application has been filed against recovery of Rs.2,06,000/- which the respondents have made from the account of the applicant.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the applicant submits that applicant has retired from the Territorial Army after rendering more than 16 years embodied service. At the time of discharge from service a sum of Rs.2,06,000/- was recovered saying excess payment has been made to the applicant in the form of annual increment.</p> <p>A prayer has also been made for issuing direction to the respondents to grant annual increment to the applicant.</p> <p>It is submitted that there is a delay of 18 years, 10 months and 18 days in filing the Original Application which is not intentional. Further, the cause of action is recurring cause.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the respondents has vehemently opposed the prayer.</p> <p>Upon hearing submissions of Ld. Counsel of both sides we find that cause shown is sufficient. Accordingly, delay is condoned. Delay condonation application stands disposed off accordingly.</p> <p><u>O.A. No. 774 of 2022</u></p> <p>Case needs adjudication.</p>

Admit.

Issue notice to the respondents.

Shri Neeraj Upreti, Advocate has accepted notice on behalf of the respondents, hence service of notice is waived.

Respondents may file Counter Affidavit within four weeks. Thereafter, applicant will have two weeks time to file Rejoinder Affidavit, if any.

List on **27.02.2023**.

(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)

(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)
Member (J)

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7. O.A. No. 997 of 2022 with M.A. No. 1203 of 2022

Ex. Sep. (Cook) Khem 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>05.12.2022</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>Memo of Appearance filed by Shri Neeraj Upreti, Advocate on behalf of the respondents is taken on record.</p> <p>Heard Shri Kishore Kumar and Shri Harish Adhikari, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Neeraj Upreti, Ld. Counsel for the respondents.</p> <p>There is a delay of 47 years, 04 months and 11 days in filing of Original Application.</p> <p>It is submitted by the Ld. Counsel for the applicant that applicant was enrolled in the Indian Army on 21.11.1960 and discharged on 28.11.1972.</p> <p>Submission of Ld. Counsel for the applicant is that delay in filing Original Application is not deliberate. His further submission is that since in the year of 1972 there was no proper facilities for up-keeping the letters/representations because the applicant was shelter less and was trying to look after the survival of his family without any pension or assistance from the respondents and the he was looking for a new job and consequent thereto he was selected for the post of Security Guard on temporary basis in Govind Ballabh Pant Nagar University and discharged from there after completing 60 years of age. Thereafter, the applicant fell ill and was busy in getting himself treated from different hospitals. He further submits that limitation is not applicable in pensionary matters. Thus, his submission is that delay in filing application is not deliberate, but for the reasons stated above.</p> <p>Ld. Counsel for the respondents has vehemently opposed the prayer and</p>

has submitted that long delay of more than 47 years has not been properly and satisfactorily explained. He further submits that applicant's husband was non pensioner, therefore, his service documents including constituents thereof may have been destroyed after expiry of retention period as per para 595 of Regulations for the Army 1987. Long Roll in respect of pensioners and non- pensioners are retained for a period of 50 years and 25 years respectively from the date of becoming non-effective. Further submission of Ld. Counsel for the respondents is that since documents relating to applicant may have been destroyed on expiry of mandatory retention period of 25 years being a non-pensioner, therefore, family pension cannot be granted at this stage.

Having heard the submissions of Ld. Counsel of both sides and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, we find that explanation offered by the applicant for delay in filing Original Application is not sufficient. It is settled in law that if time limit is given for filing of any application and the same is not filed within that time limit, delay should be explained on day to day basis which applicant has utterly failed in the present case. Further, we find that documents relating to ex army person are destroyed after mandatory retention period in terms of para 595 of Regulations for the Army, 1987.

In view of the above, delay condonation application is **dismissed**.

Original Application being time barred is also **dismissed**.

(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)

(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)
Member (J)

AKD/-

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9. M.A. No. 952 of 2022 with M.A. No. 953 of 2022 Inre ; O.A. No. 430 of 2021

Union of India & Others

Applicants

By Legal Practitioner for the Applicants

Versus

Smt. Leela Goswami W/o Ex. Nb. Sub. Rajendra Kumar

Respondent

By Legal Practitioner for Respondent

Notes of the Registry	Orders of the Tribunal
	<p><u>05.12.2022</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 Rajesh Sharma, Ld. Counsel for the applicants – Union of India & Others and Shri Kishore Rai, Ld. Counsel for the respondent herein.</p> <p>This application has been filed under Section 31 of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007 against the judgment and order dated 22.02.2022 of this Tribunal in Original Application No. 430 of 2021 by which respondents have been directed to grant disability pension to the applicant @30% for life to be rounded off to 50% for life from the next date of his discharge and arrears have been restricted to three year prior to filing of Original Application. It is further directed that the order will be complied within four weeks from the date it is passed.</p> <p>It is submitted by the Ld. Counsel for the applicants – Union of India & others that applicants want to file Appeal against the decision of this Tribunal, leave be granted for the same and delay of 05 months and 07 days in filing of application be condoned.</p> <p>In view of the facts stated in affidavit filed in support of delay condonation application, we find that cause shown is sufficient. Accordingly, delay is condoned. Delay condonation application stands disposed off accordingly.</p> <p>Upon hearing submission of Ld. Counsel for the applicants, we find that no point of law of general public importance is involved so that leave may be granted.</p> <p>Accordingly, Leave to Appeal is dismissed.</p> <p>(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve) (Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava) Member (A) Member (J)</p> <p>AKD/-</p>

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16. M.A. No. 1043 of 2022 with M.A. No. 1044 of 2022 Inre : O.A. No. 177 of 2021

Ex. Nk. Lalit Mohan Chandra Joshi
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>05.12.2022</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>Memo of Appearance filed by Shri Rajesh Sharma, Advocate on behalf of the respondents is taken on record.</p> <p>Heard Shri Rajendra Arya, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Rajesh Sharma, Ld. Counsel for the respondents are present.</p> <p>This application has been filed under Section 31 of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007 against the judgment and order dated 24.02.2022 of this Tribunal in Original Application No. 177 of 2021.</p> <p>It is submitted by the Ld. Counsel for the applicant that applicant wants to file Appeal against the decision of this Tribunal, leave be granted for the same and delay of 06 month and 08 days in filing of application be condoned.</p> <p>In view of the facts stated in affidavit filed in support of delay condonation application, we find that cause shown is sufficient. Accordingly, delay is condoned. Delay condonation application stands disposed off accordingly.</p> <p>Upon hearing submission of Ld. Counsel for the applicants, we find that no point of law of general public importance is involved so that leave may be granted.</p> <p>Accordingly, Leave to Appeal is dismissed.</p> <p>(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve) (Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava) Member (A) Member (J)</p> <p>AKD/-</p>

