

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.1994 OF 2024**

Union of India through Ministry of Defence Petitioner.

V/s

Lt. Col. SK. Rathore (Deceased)

Through widow, Ms. Collen Rathore Respondent.

WITH

Writ Petition Nos.2017/2024, 2014/2024, 2021/2024, 2020/2024, 2022/2024, 2013/2024, 2016/2024, 2015/2024, 2010/2024, 2011/2024, 6895/2025, 6896/2025, 6897/2025, 6898/2025, 6899/2025, 1993/2024, 3824/2025, 3821/2025, 4100/2025, 4097/2025, 3807/2025, 4095/2025, 3809/2025, 3811/2025, 4094/2025, 2012/2024, 2018/2024, 2023/2024, 4096/2025, 3823/2025, 2123/2024, 2122/2024, 10963/2025, 2025/2024, 4172/2024, 17380/2024, 6696/2024, 5799/2025, 10962/2025, 5335/2025, (St) 9595/2025, 6541/2024, 6893/2025, 17382/2024, (St) 11896/2025, 6542/2024, Contempt Petition No.260/2025 in Writ Petition Nos.14035/2024, 10966/2025, Writ Petition Nos. 10754/2024, 4201/2025, 3018/2025, 10965/2025, 3019/2025, 15894/2024, Writ Petition (St) No.18223/2025, Writ Petition Nos.10967/2025, 18058/2024, 10969/2025, 10964/2025, Writ Petition (St) Nos.22116/2025, 25429/2025, 25447/2025, 25458/2025, 12968/2025, Writ Petition (St) No.25583/2025, Writ Petition Nos. 10968/2025, 12969/2025, Writ Petition (St) No.27181/2025, Writ Petition Nos. 14035/2024, Contempt Petition No.260/2025 in Writ Petition No.14035/2024, Writ Petition (St) Nos.28195/2025, 28281/2025, 28336/2025, Writ Petition No.18057/2024, Writ Petition (St) No.29309/2025, Writ Petition No.19457/2024, Writ Petition (St) No.28445/2024, Writ Petition Nos.19046/2024, 19048/2024, 1320/2024, 954/2025, Writ Petition (St) No.31522/2024, Writ Petition Nos.18053/2024, 19049/2024, 6900/2025, 19047/2024, 1991/2024, 1990/2024, 1995/2024, 3017/2025, Writ Petition Nos.2575/2025, 1992/2024, 2009/2024, 11081/2025, 4736/2025

WITH

Original Side Writ Petition Nos. 4362/2024, 2802/2024, 2810/2024, Writ Petition (L) Nos.3899/2024, 29059/2024, 30051/2024, 30784/2024, Writ Petition No.2468/2024, Writ Petition (L) No. 39025/2024, 39038/2024.

Adv Amarendra Mishra for the Petitioner-UI in WP Nos.1994/2024, 6895/2024, 6896/2024, 6897/2024, 6898/2024, 6899/2024, 1993/2024, 4100/2025, 10963/2025, 17380/2024, Writ Petition (St) No.5799/2025, Writ Petition Nos.10962/2025, Writ Petition (St) No.9595/2025, Writ Petition Nos. 6893/2025, 17382/2024, Writ Petition (St) No.11896/2025, Writ Petition Nos. 10966/2025, 10754/2025, 10965/2025, 10967/2025, 10969/2025, 10964/2025, Writ Petition (St) No.25458/2025, Writ Petition No.12968/2025, Writ Petition (St) No.25583/2025, Writ Petition No.10968/2025, Writ Petition (St) No.27181/2025, Writ Petition No.14035/2024, Writ Petition (St) No.29309/2025, Writ Petition Nos.19046/2024, 19048/2024, 19049/2024, 6900/2025, 19047/2024, 1991/2024, 1990/2024, 1995/2024, 1992/2024, 2009/2024.

Adv Amarendra Mishra a/w Adv. Anusha Amin for the petitioner in Writ Petition Nos.2017/2024, 1994/2024, 2014/2024, 2021/2024, 2020/2024, 2022/2024, 2013/2024 & 2016/2024.

Adv Niranjana Shimpi for the petitioner in Writ Petition No.4201/2025

Adv Pradip Patil for the petitioner in Writ Petition No.1320/2024

Adv Sakshee Chavan for the petitioner in Writ Petition No. 954/2025

Adv D.P.Singh for the petitioner in Writ Petition No.11081/2025

Adv H.S. Verma for the petitioner in Writ Petition Nos.4172/2024, 10965/2025, 3017/2025 & Writ Petition (St) No. 25429/2025.

Mr.Akshay Patil a/w Mr.Satendra Kumar for the respondent in Writ Petition No.1991/2024.

Adv Angsuman Ojha for the respondent in Writ Petition Nos.3807/2025, 2016/2024, 1993/2024, 3824/2025 & 2012/2024.

Adv Mahadevan Anand for the respondent in Writ Petition Nos.2022/2024, 1990/2024, 1995/2024, 3018/2025, 15895/2024, 11081/2025 & Writ Petition (St) No. 28336/2025.

Adv Dinesh Kumar Bishnoi for the respondent in Writ Petition Nos. 2010/2024, 2011/2024, 2014/2024.

Ms. Anamika Malhotra for the Petitioner in Writ Petition Nos. 3824/2025, 3821/2025, 4095/2025, 3809/2025, 3811/2025, 4094/2025, 2012/2024, 2018/2024, 2023/2024, 4096/2025, 3823/2025, 2123/2024, 2122/2024, 2025/2024, 4172/2024, 2025/2024, 6696/2024, 6541/2024, 6542/2024, 3018/2025, 3019/2025 Writ Petition (St) No. 18223/2025, Writ Petition No. 18058/2024, Writ Petition (St) Nos. 22116/2025, 25429/2025, 25447/2025, 28195/2025, 28281/2025, 28336/2025, Writ Petition Nos. 18057/2024, 19457/2024, Writ Petition (St) No. 31522/2025, Writ Petition Nos. 18053/2024, 3017/2025, 2575/2025.

Adv S.S. Ambedkar a/w Ms. Jaeinta Lobo Kadam for the petitioner in Writ Petition (St) No. 28445/2024.

Adv Smita Ganoo a/w Adv Smita Thakur for the Petitioner in Writ Petition No. 4736/2025.

Adv Yogendra Pratap Singh for the petitioner in Writ Petition No. 5335/2025 & for the respondent in Writ Petition Nos. 2015/24, 3821/2025, 4097/2025, 3809/2025, 3811/2025, 2018/2024, 4096/2025, 6541/2024, 6893/2025, 10966/2025, 4201/2025, 10969/2025, 19047/2024, 4736/2025 & Writ Petition (St) Nos. 15447/2025, 28195/2025 & 29309/2025.

Adv Singh Ranjeet Kumar Shankar for the petitioner in Contempt Petition No. 260/2025 in Writ Petition No. 14035/2024.

Adv Nieyaati for the petitioner in Writ Petition No. 15894/2024.

Mr. Kedar Dighe for the Petitioner in Writ Petition Nos. 4362/2024, 2802/2024, 2810/2024, Writ Petition (L) No. 3899/2024, Writ Petition No. 2468/2024.

Mr. Amarendra Mishra for the petitioner in Writ Petition (L) Nos. 29059/2024, 30051/2024, 30784/2024, 39025/2024, 39038/2024.

Mr. Satyendra Kumar for the respondent in Writ Petition No. 2810 of 2024.

Mr. Yogendra Pratap Singh for the respondent in Writ Petition No.2802 of 2024 and Writ Petition (L) No.3899 of 2024.

**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 6th OCTOBER 2025.

P.C. :

De-tag Writ Petition Nos.14035/2024, 4736/2025, 10963/2025, 10962/2025, 6893/2025, 14035/2024, 19047/2024, 6696/2024, 6542/2024, 3824/2025, 3821/2025, 3807/2025, 3809/2025, 19457/2024, 18053/2024, 3017/2025, Writ Petition (St) Nos. 22116/2025, 25429/2025, 28281/2025 and Contempt Petition No.260/2025 from this batch of writ petitions.

2. The learned counsels appearing for the Union of India in this batch of writ petitions shall give a chart of writ petitions in which the respondents have been duly served.

3. Writ Petition No.1991 of 2024 shall be taken up as the lead matter as the respondent has appeared through the learned counsel Mr. Akshay Patil.

4. Stand over to 8th October 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]