

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**WRIT PETITION NO.1994 OF 2024
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WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.28195 OF 2025
WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.28336 OF 2025
WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.29309 OF 2025

Union of India,
Through Ministry of Defence

.. Petitioner

Versus

Lt. Col. S.K. Rathore (Deceased)	
Through LR : Collen Rathore	.. Respondent
Col. B.V. Parkhe (Retired)	.. Respondent
Col. (TS) Asim Kumar Ramendra Chandra D.	.. Respondent
Col. (TSO) Vithal Pitambar Chitte, (Retired)	.. Respondent
Lt. Col. Yesh Paul Sharma (Retired)	.. Respondent
Col. Gulab Yasin Tamboli (Retired)	.. Respondent
Col. B.S. Narayan (Retired)	.. Respondent
Col. Mukesh Trehan	.. Respondent
Col. Jagdish Jaisinghrao Gadekar (Retired)	.. Respondent
Col. (TS) Naushirwan M. Irani (Retired)	.. Respondent
Col. Ronny Dvania (Retired)	.. Respondent
Col. B.K. George (Retired)	.. Respondent
Ex. Naib Sub Nitin Rao Mahajan	.. Respondent
Col. Madhusudan Dave (Retired)	.. Respondent
Col. Brahmarshi Vandey (Retired)	.. Respondent
Col. A.K. Nath (Retired)	.. Respondent
NB Risaldar Kengare Sayabu Jaysingh	.. Respondent
Shahaji Hari Patil	.. Respondent
Ex Sigmn Mali Rajaram Vasant	.. Respondent
Ex Sub (Clk) Khatal Ankush Anandrao	.. Respondent
Ex Sub Bhosale Sudhir Anna	.. Respondent
Maj. Rajgopalan C. (Retired)	.. Respondent
Ex. Sepoy Malkar Girish Ashok	.. Respondent
Ex JWO Abhay Prasad Mahapatra	.. Respondent
Pardeshi Manoj Pitambar	.. Respondent

Mahendra Nath Mishra	.. Respondent
Upendra Singh	.. Respondent
Dayashankar Pasi, Ex MWO	.. Respondent
Col. Keerti Kumar Sharma	.. Respondent
Ex Sub Shedage Sudhir Ramchandra	.. Respondent
Shiv Kumar Gupta	.. Respondent
Hitesh Goel	.. Respondent
Cdr. Kavikant Mahapatra	.. Respondent
Shamboo Singh Yadav	.. Respondent
Ex. MCPO II Sant Lal	.. Respondent
Mahadev Paul, Ex. CPO Log (Std.)	.. Respondent
Ex-Havilkar Chandrakant Hausa Bapu Pote	.. Respondent
Cap. Virendra Singh Marya (Retired)	.. Respondent
Sarat Chandra Das (Retired)	.. Respondent
Cap. Umesh Kumar Singh	.. Respondent
Prem Kumar (Retired)	.. Respondent
Shankar Biswas (Retired)	.. Respondent
Pradeep Kumar	.. Respondent
Ex Sub Gund Sahebrao Yashwant	.. Respondent
Ex HFO Eshanti Pratap Kumar Padhi	.. Respondent
Ex JWO Uma Shankar Singh	.. Respondent
Lt. Col. Rajesh Kumar (Retired)	.. Respondent
Commander Birendra Prasad Singh (Retd.)	.. Respondent
Awadhesh Singh (Ex CPO LOG MAT)	.. Respondent
Ex Hav Kenjale Suryakant Jagannath	.. Respondent
Col. Arun Bhandari	.. Respondent
Ex. GNR Jaid Vidhur Vishwanathrao	.. Respondent
Bhise Bapurao Balu	.. Respondent
Ex Sub Rajendra Yashwant Bhosale	.. Respondent
CDR Rakesh Jaggi (Retired)	.. Respondent
Brijesh Singh, Ex POAF	.. Respondent
Vikas Kumar	.. Respondent
Hav. K. Muniraj	.. Respondent
Chavan Dinesh Popat, Ex Subedar	.. Respondent

Mr. Amarendra Mishra, Advocate for the Petitioner-UOI in Writ Petition Nos.6895/2025, 6896/2025, 6897/2025, 6898/2025, 6899/2025, 1993/2024, 4097/2025, 17380/2024, 17382/2024, 10754/2025, 10965/2025, 10967/2025, 10969/2025, 12968/2025, 10968/2025, 12969/2025, 2009/2024, 19049/24, 6900/2025, 1994/2024, 1990/2024, 1992/2024, 10964/2025 and WP(St.) Nos.5799/2025, 25583/2025, 27181/2025 and 29309/2025.

Adv Amarendra Mishra a/w Adv Anusha Amin for the Petitioner in Writ Petition Nos.2017/2024, 2021/2024, 2020/2024,

2022/2024, 2013/2024 2016/2024, 2015/2024, 2010/2024 and 2011/2024.

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Adv Niranjan Shimpi for the Petitioner in WP/4201/2025

Mr.Satendra Kumar a/w Mr.Akshay Patil for the Respondent in Writ Petition Nos.2020/2024, 3823/2025, 3019/2025, 10967/2025 and Writ Petition (Stamp) Nos.27181/2025, 10968/2025, 28445/2025, 1994/2024, 1992/2024, 4362/2024, 2810/2024 and 2122/2024.

Adv Angsuman Ojha for the Respondent in Writ Petition Nos.2016/2024, 1993/2024, 2012/2024 and 6899/2025.

Adv Mahadevan Anand for the Respondent in Writ Petition Nos.2022/2024, 1990/2024, 3018/2025 and WP(St.)/28336/2025.

Adv Dinesh Kumar Bishnoi for the Respondent in Writ Petition Nos.2010/2024 and 2011/2024.

Ms.Anamika Malhotra for the Petitioner in Writ Petition Nos.4095/2025, 3811/2025, 4094/2025, 2012/2024, 2018/2024, 2023/2024, 4096/2025, 3823/2025, 2025/2024, 4172/2024, 6541/2024, 3018/2025, 3019/2025, 18057/2024, 2575/2025, 2122/2024 and Writ Petition (St.) Nos.18223/2025, 25447/2025, 28195/2025, 28336/2025 and 31522/2024.

Adv Sagar.S.Ambedkar a/w Ms.Disha Nidre for the Petitioner in WP(St.)/28445/2024.

Adv Yogendra Pratap Singh for the Respondent in Writ Petition Nos.2015/24, 4097/2025, 3811/2025, 2018/2024, 4096/2025, 6541/2024, 4201/2025, 10969/2025, 4094/2025, 6897/2025, 19457/2024 and WP(St.) Nos.28195/2025, 29309/25, 31522/2024 and 25447/2025.

Mr.Ranjeet Kumar Singh for the Respondent in WP/6898/205, WP/12969/2025 & WP/4095/2025.

Mr.H.S.Verma for the Respondent in Writ Petition Nos.4172/2024, 10965/2025 & WP(St.) No.5799/2025.

Mr.Dayashankar Pasi Respondent party in person in WP/2575/2025.

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

DATE : 19TH NOVEMBER 2025.

P.C. :

Post all these matters on 26th November 2025 at 3:15 p.m.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]