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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 6300/2021

EX CPL PRATAP JAMPALA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Baljeet Singh, Ms. Deepika Sheoran, Mr. Ashish Sheoran, Mr. Abhishek Gahlyan, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Balendu Shekhar CGSC with Mr. Krishna Chaitanya Mr Rajkumar Maurya and Mr Divyansh Singh, Advs.
Sgt Manish Kumar Singh and Sgt Mritunjay, DAV Legal Cell Air Force, For Union of India

+ W.P.(C) 11129/2021

SATYA PRAKASH ANAND, EX CPL 791565-R

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms Pallavi Awasthi, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Sgt Manish Kumar Singh and Sgt Mritunjay, DAV Legal Cell Air Force, For Union of India

+ W.P.(C) 10125/2022

ANAND KUMAR SINGH, EX CPL 762051-R

....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Pallavi Awasthi, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Rajesh Kumar, SPC with Ms Pragya Yadav and Mr Yash Narain,

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+ W.P.(C) 10639/2022

ARUN KISHORE, EX CPL 772454-FPetitioner
Through: Ms Pallavi Awasthi, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Vedansh Anand, SPC with
Mr. Kush Garg, Advs.
Sgt Manish Kumar Singh and Sgt Mritunjay,
DAV Legal Cell Air Force, For Union of
India

+ W.P.(C) 5990/2022

GHAN SHYAM DASPetitioner
Through: Ms Pallavi Awasthi, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. NK Aggarwal, Senior
Panel Counsel
Sgt Manish Kumar Singh and Sgt Mritunjay,
DAV Legal Cell Air Force, For Union of
India

+ W.P.(C) 10222/2022

DEW NARAYAN, (EX. CPL 761663-H)Petitioner
Through: Ms Pallavi Awasthi, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through: Ms. Shagun Shahi Chugh, SPC
Mr. Varun Chugh (SPC); Ms. Kavya Roy
Choudhury, Advocates
Sgt Manish Kumar Singh and Sgt Mritunjay,
DAV Legal Cell Air Force, For Union of
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AJAYA KUMAR BEHERA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rajesh Kumar Gautam, Mr.
Deepanjali Choudhary, Mr. Azal Aekram and
Mr. Likivi Jakhalu, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA REPRESENTED THROUGH THE CHIEF
OF THE AIR STAFF

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Vedansh Anand, SPC with
Mr. Kush Garg, Advs.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C. HARI SHANKAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE OM PRAKASH SHUKLA

JUDGMENT (ORAL)

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04.12.2025

C. HARI SHANKAR, J.

1. Mr. Balendu Shekhar, learned CGSC for Union of India, points out that the *lis* in these writ petitions is amenable to adjudication by AFT.

2. While learned Counsel for the petitioners do not seriously dispute this contention, it is pointed out that these petitions have been pending since 2021, and relegating the petitioners to the AFT may protract the proceedings. We are, however, bound by the judgment of the Supreme Court in *L Chandra Kumar v. Union of India*¹ and, if the matter is amenable to adjudication by AFT, we are *coram non judice*, till the AFT takes a view in the matter.

¹ (1997) 3 SCC 261



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3. However, we appreciate the concern voiced by the petitioners.
4. Accordingly, instead of requiring the petitioner to re-approach the AFT, we direct the Registry of this Court to transfer the record of these proceedings to the AFT electronically within two weeks from today.
5. We also request the AFT to register these writ petitions as appropriate Transferred Applications and proceed on the basis of the record of these writ petitions, treating them as the record of the Tribunal.
6. As these writ petitions have been pending since 2021 and deal with pensionary benefits, we also request the AFT to grant priority to these matters and decide them as expeditiously as possible.
7. In order to further expedite matters, we direct learned Counsel for the parties to appear before the learned Tribunal on 22 December 2025.
8. The entire record of these petitions shall be treated as the record of the AFT and the AFT would proceed further on that basis.

C. HARI SHANKAR, J.

OM PRAKASH SHUKLA, J.

DECEMBER 4, 2025/dsn