IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

W.P(S). No. 7073 of 2026

Taramani Devi, W/o Late Jeet Lal Munda, aged about 36 years, R/o Girl Lodge, Karbala Tank Road, Domtoli P.O. Ranchi G.P.O., P.S. Lower Bazaar, District Ranchi **….Petitioner**

Versus

1. Union of India, through Secretary, Ministry of Defence having its office at South Block, Secretariat Building, Raisina Hills, P.O. & P.S. New Delhi, District New Delhi
2. Commandant, Bihar Regiment, having its office at having its office at Bihar Regimental Centre, Danapur Cantonment, P.O. Danapur Cantt Sub Post Office P.S. Danapur, District Patna, Bihar
3. Senior Record Officer, Bihar Regiment Record Office, having its office at Bihar Regimental Centre, Danapur Cantonment, P.O. Danapur Cantt Sub Post Office P.S. Danapur, District Patna, Bihar
4. Controller of Defence Accounts, Patna having its office at CDA Building, Rajendra Path, P.O. C.D.A. & P.S. Gandhi Maidan, District Patna **…..Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK ROSHAN

For the Petitioners : Ms. Xenia Dhar, Advocate
For the Respondents : Mr. Ranesh Anand, Advocate

04/ Dated: 15.09.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The instant writ application has been preferred by the petitioner praying therein for the following reliefs:

> *"i. Issue an appropriate Writ and/or Order for quashing the letter dated 03.03.2026 (Annexure- 6) issued by Respondent No. 3 denying the Petitioner the benefits of pension and other death-cum-retirement benefits payable to her in light of her husband's death.*
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> *ii. Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ and/or Order directing the Respondents concerned to release pension and other death-cum-retirement benefits of the deceased husband in favour of the Petitioner."*

3. The preliminary objection has been raised by the learned Central

Government counsel that the petitioner is having an alternative remedy for filing appeal under Article 14 of Arms Force Tribunal Act 2007.

4. Having regard to the aforesaid submissions, the instant application stands dismissed with a liberty to the petitioner to prefer an appeal as early as possible in accordance with provision enshrined under Article 14 of Arms Force Tribunal Act 2007.

5. It goes without saying that, if there is any issue of limitation, the concerned Tribunal shall pass an appropriate order keeping in mind, the pendency of this case, before this Court.

6. Pending I.A., if any, also stands closed.

15.09.2026 **(Deepak Roshan, J.)**

Abha/-