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256**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**CM-4798-CWP-2026,
CM-4799-CWP-2026 in/and
CWP-29030-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 28.04.2026

SUBEDAR MAJOR TILAK RAJ

.....Petitioner

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Petitioner in person.

Mr. Maneesh Bali, Advocate,
Senior Panel Counsel
for the respondent-UOI.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)**CM-4798-CWP-2026**

This is an application for placing on record reply on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed. Reply on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 is taken on record.

CM-4799-CWP-2026

Application is allowed, as prayed for.

Main Case

1. In the present petition, the challenge is to the impugned order dated 15.07.2025 (Annexure P-32) passed by respondent No.7-Armed Forces Tribunal, Regional Bench, Chandigarh (hereinafter referred to as 'the Tribunal') by which, the claim of the petitioner that he was wrongly evaluated for the grant of the honorary rank of the Lieutenant, has been upheld.

2. In terms of order dated 01.04.2026 passed by this Court, report in a sealed cover has been presented and the same is seen, again sealed and handed over back to learned counsel for the respondents-UOI.

3. The petitioner, who appears in person, submits that he applied twice for the rank, once on the Republic Day in the year 2016 and thereafter, on the Independence Day in the year 2016 keeping in view his achievements but, his case was not considered properly and the same has also been ignored by the learned Tribunal. Hence, direction be issued to the respondent concerned to re-consider his claim and in case, the marks due to him are granted he will secure more marks than the last candidates awarded the said honorary rank of Lieutenant either in the Republic Day, 2016 or in the Independence Day, 2016.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents-UOI submits that the claim of the petitioner will be re-evaluated and all his achievements will be considered again and in case, it is found that either on the Republic Day or the Independence Day of the year 2016, the petitioner secures more marks than the last candidate given the benefit of honorary rank, the said rank will also be conferred upon the petitioner along with all consequential benefits and the said consideration will be completed within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

5. The petitioner, who appears in person, accepts the said option given by learned counsel for the respondent-UOI and submits that he has no objection in case the present petition is disposed of in terms of the undertaking given by learned counsel for the respondent-UOI as recorded hereinabove.

6. Ordered accordingly.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

28.04.2026

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No