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

+ W.P.(C) 8850/2024, CM APPL. 35927/2024  
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Petitioners

Through:

versus

NK MARTANDAPPA .....Respondent

Through:

(85)

+ W.P.(C) 16269/2024, CM APPL. 68484/2024, CM APPL.  
68485/2024  
UNION OF INDIA & ORS. ....Petitioners

Through:

versus

HAV DSC VEERAPALLI MUTHU GOUNDER KRISHNAN  
RETD .....Respondent

Through:

(86)

+ W.P.(C) 16759/2024, CM APPL. 70935/2024, CM APPL.  
70936/2024  
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Petitioners

Through:

versus

HAV/DSC BAHABUT GARI SHAIK MASTANVALI  
(RETD) (NO 1344637Y) .....Respondent

Through:

(87)

+ W.P.(C) 16840/2024, CM APPL. 71291/2024, CM APPL.  
71292/2024  
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Petitioners

Through:



versus

EX SUB MAJ (DSC) BALWANT SINGH .....Respondent  
Through:

(88)

+ W.P.(C) 10449/2025, CM APPL. 43383/2025, CM APPL.  
43384/2025  
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Petitioners  
Through:

versus

EX NK DSC RAMVIR SINGH RETD .....Respondent  
Through:

(89)

+ W.P.(C) 9392/2025, CM APPL. 39664/2025, CM APPL.  
39665/2025  
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Petitioners  
Through:

versus

NK DSC RAMESH KUMAR .....Respondent  
Through:

(90)

+ W.P.(C) 16715/2024, CM APPL. 70709/2024, CM APPL.  
70710/2024  
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ....Petitioners  
Through:

versus

EX NK DSC RAJENDRA SINGH .....Respondent  
Through:

(91)

+ W.P.(C) 16783/2024, CM APPL. 71025/2024, CM APPL.  
71026/2024



UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX HAV (DSC GD) SATYAWAN S/O NIHALA

.....Respondent

Through:

(92)

+ W.P.(C) 16903/2024, CM APPL. 71608/2024, CM APPL. 71609/2024

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

NK DSC MADAN LAL RETD

.....Respondent

Through:

(93)

+ W.P.(C) 1971/2025, CM APPL. 9260/2025, CM APPL. 9261/2025

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK MOHAN SINGH

.....Respondent

Through:

(94)

+ W.P.(C) 2155/2025, CM APPL. 10143/2025, CM APPL. 10144/2025

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH THE SECRETARY,  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK (DSC GD) KARLIN R

.....Respondent

Through:



(95)

+ W.P.(C) 2391/2025, CM APPL. 11283/2025, CM APPL. 11284/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK DSC PARGAT SINGH

.....Respondent

Through:

(96)

+ W.P.(C) 3599/2025, CM APPL. 16846/2025, CM APPL. 16847/2025, CM APPL. 16848/2025

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

NK/ DSC ANAND PRAKASH KUSHWAHA (RETD)

.....Respondent

Through:

(97)

+ W.P.(C) 4301/2025, CM APPL. 19959/2025, CM APPL. 19960/2025

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH THE SECRETARY  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK SUBHASH CHAND TIWARI

.....Respondent

Through:

(98)

+ W.P.(C) 4344/2025, CM APPL. 20074/2025, CM APPL. 20075/2025

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:



versus

EX HAV HARPAL SINGH DSC

.....Respondent

Through:

(99)

+ W.P.(C) 4652/2025, CM APPL. 21523/2025, CM APPL. 21524/2025

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH THE SECRETARY  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX LNK BIJALI MAHARAJ

.....Respondent

Through:

(100)

+ W.P.(C) 4584/2025, CM APPL. 21232/2025, CM APPL. 21233/2025

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH THE SECRETARY & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

SMT LACHHMI DEVI

.....Respondent

Through:

(101)

+ W.P.(C) 13712/2025, CM APPL. 56317/2025, CM APPL. 56318/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

LINK DSC SAKHA RAM RETD

.....Respondent

Through:

(102)

+ W.P.(C) 13963/2025, CM APPL. 57160/2025, CM APPL.



57161/2025

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Through:

.....Petitioners

versus

EX HAV SAHADEV SAHU

Through:

.....Respondent

(103)

+ W.P.(C) 10072/2025, CM APPL. 41830/2025, CM APPL. 41831/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

Through:

.....Petitioners

versus

EX NK SUSHIL KUMAR

Through:

.....Respondent

(104)

+ W.P.(C) 10812/2025, CM APPL. 44727/2025, CM APPL. 44728/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

Through:

.....Petitioners

versus

NK TALAB SINGH RETD

Through:

.....Respondent

(105)

+ W.P.(C) 11451/2025, CM APPL. 47028/2025, CM APPL. 47029/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

Through:

.....Petitioners

versus

EX SEP VINOD SINGH

Through:

.....Respondent



(106)  
+ W.P.(C) 11404/2025, CM APPL. 46701/2025, CM APPL.  
46702/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK DSC AJEET KUMAR .....Respondent

Through:

(107)  
+ W.P.(C) 13662/2025, CM APPL. 56051/2025, CM APPL.  
56052/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK SIRLA MOHAN RAO .....Respondent

Through:

(108)  
+ W.P.(C) 11546/2025, CM APPL. 47200/2025, CM APPL.  
47201/2025

UOI & ORS. ....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK DEEPAK KUMAR .....Respondent

Through:

(109)  
+ W.P.(C) 12146/2025, CM APPL. 49551/2025, CM APPL.  
49552/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EN NK (DSC) GABAR SINGH NEGI .....Respondent

Through:



(110)

+ W.P.(C) 12442/2025, CM APPL. 50678/2025, CM APPL. 50679/2025

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH THE SECRETARY,  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & ORS. ....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK DILIP FAKIRA SURYAVANSHI ....Respondent

Through:

(111)

+ W.P.(C) 12728/2025, CM APPL. 51984/2025, CM APPL. 51985/2025

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH SECRETARY, MINISTRY  
OF DEFENCE & ORS. ....Petitioners

Through:

versus

NK/ DSC KHAMLIAN MANG (RETD.) ....Respondent

Through:

(112)

+ W.P.(C) 13218/2025, CM APPL. 54153/2025, CM APPL. 54154/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS ....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK DSC HARBANSH SINGH ....Respondent

Through:

(113)

+ W.P.(C) 12527/2025, CM APPL. 51112/2025, CM APPL. 51113/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS ....Petitioners

Through:



versus

RAJAMMAL W D/O EX L/NK GOVINDAN .....Respondent

Through:

(114)

+ W.P.(C) 12870/2025, CM APPL. 52571/2025, CM APPL. 52572/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX SUB DSC TEK BAHADUR GURUNG .....Respondent

Through:

(115)

+ W.P.(C) 14136/2025, CM APPL. 58033/2025, CM APPL. 58034/2025

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. ....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX HAV RANJITH M (15370671-M) .....Respondent

Through:

(116)

+ W.P.(C) 14246/2025, CM APPL. 58419/2025, CM APPL. 58420/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Petitioners

Through:

versus

SRIMATI PRADHAN W D O NK PRADEEP PRADHAN

.....Respondent

Through:

(117)

+ W.P.(C) 14163/2025, CM APPL. 58102/2025, CM APPL. 58103/2025



UNION OF INDIA AND ORS  
Through:

.....Petitioners

versus

EX NK LAL SINGH  
Through:

.....Respondent

(118)

+ W.P.(C) 14851/2025, CM APPL. 61115/2025, CM APPL.  
61116/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS  
Through:

.....Petitioners

versus

NK/DSC NEMI CHAND (RETD)  
Through:

.....Respondent

(119)

+ W.P.(C) 15154/2025, CM APPL. 62195/2025, CM APPL.  
62196/2025

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.  
Through:

.....Petitioners

versus

EX NK C GANESAN (NO. 1384878 F)  
Through:

.....Respondent

(120)

+ W.P.(C) 15160/2025, CM APPL. 62215/2025, CM APPL.  
62216/2025

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.  
Through:

.....Petitioners

versus

EX NK KASHMIR SINGH (NO 4466950-F)  
Through:

.....Respondent



(121)

+ W.P.(C) 15751/2025, CM APPL. 64470/2025, CM APPL. 64471/2025, CM APPL. 64472/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX HAV DSC RAM PRAKASH

.....Respondent

Through:

(122)

+ W.P.(C) 16752/2025, CM APPL. 68756/2025, CM APPL. 68757/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EK NK DSC RAJMAL

.....Respondent

Through:

(123)

+ W.P.(C) 17024/2025, CM APPL. 70017/2025, CM APPL. 70018/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK (DSC) VIR SINGH

.....Respondent

Through:

(124)

+ W.P.(C) 17202/2025, CM APPL. 70758/2025, CM APPL. 70759/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK (DSC) KHUSHAL SINGH

.....Respondent



Through:

(125)

+ W.P.(C) 17356/2025, CM APPL. 71410/2025, CM APPL.  
71411/2025  
UNION OF INDIA & ORS. ....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK RISHIPAL SINGH DSC ....Respondent

Through:

(126)

+ W.P.(C) 17390/2025, CM APPL. 71790/2025, CM APPL.  
71791/2025  
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS ....Petitioners

Through:

versus

NK/DSC G SUNDARA RAJ (RETD) ....Respondent

Through:

(127)

+ W.P.(C) 17398/2025, CM APPL. 71812/2025, CM APPL.  
71813/2025  
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS ....Petitioners

Through:

versus

NK MANGE LAL (RETD) ....Respondent

Through:

(128)

+ W.P.(C) 18194/2025, CM APPL. 75268/2025, CM APPL.  
75269/2025  
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS ....Petitioners

Through:

versus



EX NK DSC VILAS RAO

.....Respondent

Through:

(129)

+ W.P.(C) 18248/2025, CM APPL. 75494/2025, CM APPL. 75495/2025

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

EX NK BHASKAR SINGH

.....Respondent

Through:

**Present:**

**For Petitioners:**

Major Anish Muralidhar, Army in Item Nos.84 to 129.

Mr. Siddhartha Sinha, Senior Panel Counsel in Item Nos.86, 87.

Mr. Virender Pratap Singh Charak, Ms. Shubhra Parashar, Advs. in Item No.90.

Mr. Abhishek Khanna, Senior Panel Counsel with Major Anish Muralidhar, Army in Item No.91.

Ms. Pratima N Lakra, CGSC with Ms. Upanita Soumyadarshini, Adv. in Item Nos.92, 125.

Mr. Satya Ranjan Swain, CGSC with Mr. Kautilya Birat, Adv. in Item No.102, 115, 119, 120.

Mr. P.S Singh, CGSC, with Mr. Rajneesh Kumar Sharma, Ms. Shivangi Sharma, Mr. Aditya Tomar, Ms. Annu Singh, Advs. in Item Nos.105, 106, 113, 118.

Ms. Uma Prasuna Bachu, SPC in Item No.108.

Mr. Chetanya Puri, SPC with Ms. Vidhi Gupta, Mr. Rishab Jain, Mr. Abhay Verma, Advs. in Item Nos.109, 112, 114.

Mr. Bhagvan Sawrup Shukla, CGSC with Mr. Mukesh Kumar Pandey, Mr. Sarvan Kumar, Mr. Dashmesh Tripathi, Mr. Praveen Gupta, Advs. in Item No.110.

Mr. Vivek Sharma, SPC in Item No.116.

Mr. Siddhartha Shankar Ray, CGSC with Ms. Sonali Modi, Mr. Mukul Dev, Advs. in Item Nos.117 & 118.

Mr. Ashish K Dixit, CGSC with Mr. Umar Hashmi, Ms. Iqra Sheikh, Advs. in Item Nos.122, 128 & 129.



Mr. Varun Vats, SPC with Major Anish Murlidhar Army in Item Nos.123, 124, 126, 127.

**For Respondents:**

Mr. US Maurya, Mr. SS Maurya, Advs in Item Nos. 85, 86, 87,88, 89, 95, 118, 126.

Mr. Tushar Choudhary, Mr. Manoj Kumar Gupta, Advs. in Item Nos.92, 101.

Mr. Jagdish Chandra, Ms. Maanya Saxena, Advs. in Item No.95.

Mr. Ramniwas Bansal, Adv. in Item Nos.98, 125.

Mr. Devendra Kumar, Mr. Raj Kumar, Mr. Brajesh Kumar, Advs. in Item Nos.100, 107, 113, 114, 115, 119, 124.

Mr. Ravi Kumar, Adv. in Item Nos.104, 127.

Mr. Ajit Kakkar, Mr. Tejas Bhonge Ms. Shruti Singh, Ms, Jasmine Kinra, Ms. Manju, Advs. in Item No.105.

Mr. Jatint Bhardwaj, Mr. Ramkishan Saraswat, Mr. Aditya Ragav Bundela, Advs. in Item No.112.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN**

**ORDER**

**18.05.2026**

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1. The present batch of 46 Writ Petitions filed by the Union of India challenging the correctness of separate Impugned Orders passed by the Armed Forces Tribunal ['AFT'] condoning the deficiency of period of less than one year for grant of Second Service Pension to personnel who served in the Defence Security Corps ('DSC').
2. There is a consensus between the learned counsel representing the parties that the matter in issue is squarely covered by the judgment passed by the Supreme Court in *Union of India & Ors. v. Balakrishnan Mullikote (EX HAV 256812 M)*; 2026 INSC 280.
3. Keeping in view the aforesaid, the present batch of Writ Petitions is disposed of in terms of the aforesaid judgment passed by



the Supreme Court. The pending applications shall also stand closed.

4. The next date of hearing *i.e.* 15.07.2026 stands cancelled.

5. A photocopy of the order passed today be kept in the connected matters.

**ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.**

**AMIT MAHAJAN, J.**

**MAY 18, 2026**

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