

**IN THE ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL
REGIONAL BENCH, GUWAHATI
OA-34 of 2018**

Ex -Nb Sub Jayanta Kr Kalita

..... **Applicant**
By legal practitioners for
Applicant.

**Mrs Rita Devi
Mr AR Tahbildar**

-Versus-

UOI & Others.

..... **Respondents**
By legal practitioner for
Respondents.

PRESENT

**HON`BLE DR. (MRS) JUSTICE INDIRA SHAH, MEMBER (J)
HON`BLE LT GEN GAUTAM MOORTHY, MEMBER (A)
ORDER**

06.03.2019

1. Heard Mr AR Tahbildar, learned counsel appearing for the applicant. Also heard Mr, learned counsel assisted by Capt Akash Vashishta, OIC, Legal Cell, AFT, Guwahati, appearing on behalf of the respondents.
2. Capt Akash Vashishta, OIC, Legal Cell, AFT, Guwahati, has submitted that a Cheque amounting to Rs. 46,912/- on account of the luggage claim of the applicant has been issued from PAO (ORs) Signals, Jabalpur on 4th December, 2018.
3. Be that as it may, it is observed that the authorities have unnecessarily delayed the claim thereby putting the applicant in financial hardship. No reason has been assigned for such delay.
4. This Bench therefore believes that the applicant should be financially compensated for such inordinate delay on the part of the authority. We therefore order as follows:
 - (a) Interest @ 12% from the date of sanction of the claim i.e. 25.04.2013 till the date of issue of the cheque.
 - (b) Cost of litigation of Rs. 10,000/-.

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5. The above amounts are to be paid to the applicant within a period of one month from the date of receipt of this order, failing which, 12% interest will be levied till payment made to the applicant.

6. Order dasti.

MEMBER (A)

MEMBER (J)

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