

SPEED POST

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A/56309/01/AG/Ins/C (Legal)

The Registrar Hon'ble Armed Forces Tribunal Regional Bench, Guwahati (ASSAM)

NON-SERVICING OF ORIGINAL APPLICATION BY THE OPPONENT COUNSEL TO ARMY GROUP INSURANCE FUND AS PER RULE 4, 11 AND 17 OF AFT ACT, 2008

Sir,

1. On behalf of Army Group Insurance Fund (AGIF), New Delhi, I am taking this liberty to bring to your notice a problem for your intervention and resolution.

2. It is mentioned here that the AGIF is an Independent Society registered under the societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 with the Registrar of Societies, New Delhi under S/8357 on 06 Dec 1976 and is carrying out the activities for the benefit of Army Personnel and their dependents through its Insurance Scheme and is governed by Rules and Regulations framed by the Society. It is not part of Union of India or the Army. In OAs filed before AFT, it is impleaded as separate Respondent.

3. As per Rules 4, 11 and 17 of the Armed Forces Tribunal (Procedures) Rules, 2008 the copy of OA has to be served to all Respondents, before the case comes up for hearing in the Court. Number of times, Army Group Insurance Fund (AGIF) Society, New Delhi has not received copy of the OA from the Counsel of the Applicant or any other source prior to filing the same in the respective AFT.

4. It is brought to your kind notice that at times OAs have been filed before the Hon'ble Tribunal wherein AGIF has been made a Respondent party but in most of the cases OA is not served by the opponent counsel prior to filing the case before the Tribunal as specified in the rules of AFT Act, 2008.

5. Apropos, we kindly request you to consider, is it possible for the AGIF to file Counter Affidavit within the given time, even without receiving copy of OA.

6. In view of the above, you are kindly requested that the copies of OA of cases filed before the AFT where AGIF is made as Respondent, be served directly to AGIF by the Counsel of the Applicants before listing of the case in AFT, or it may be sent to AGIF, New Delhi by the Registry of the Hon'ble AFT (RB) Chennai to avoid delayed filing of Counter Affidavit /AGIF going unrepresented.

Yours faithfully, (Rajiv Mehrotra)

(Rajiv Mehrotra) Col (Retd) Jt Dir Legal for MD

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