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**(2021) 01 AFT CK 0032**

**In the Armed Forces Tribunal**

**Case No :** Original Application No. 1558 Of 2019, Miscellaneous Application No. 2517 Of 2019

M. Bala Krishna Rao

APPELLANT

Vs

Union Of India And Others

RESPONDENT

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**Date of Decision :** 22-01-2021

**Acts Referred:**

**Citation :** (2021) 01 AFT CK 0032

**Hon'ble Judges :** Sunita Gupta, J;P.M. Hariz, Member (A)

**Bench :** Division Bench

**Advocate :** Manoj Kr. Gupta, K.K. Tyagi

**Final Decision :** Allowed

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**Judgement**

For appreciating the rival contentions, we have gone through the Tab/es annexed with Circular 430 issued in pursuance of the policy

letters dated 11.11.2008 by the Government of India. As per the Circular 430 in Table 116, we find the revision pension of Sergeant rank

who has completed 20 years of service and retired after 01.04.2004 was fixed at Rs.3,694/-. The submission of the learned Central

Government Standing Counsel as to the pension of Sergeants who retired on 01.05.2005 shall be Rs.3,694/- is found correct to that extent.

However, when we go through the service pension payable to a JWO in Table 116 of Circular 430 having 20 years of service and retired

after 01.04.2004 would be Rs,4,711/- and not R.9.3,358/- as put forth by the respondents. Therefore, the pension payable to the applicant

as on 13.01.2005 in accordance with the policy letters of the Government of India dated 07.06.1999 and 09.02.2001 would be Rs. 4,711/-

and not Rs.3,694/-. Similarly, the benefits conferred upon the /WO as per the VI Central Pay Commission recommendations as tabulated i

Table 116 of Circular 430 for 20 years of service, we see that the pension payable to the applicant with effect from 01.01.2006 would be

Rs. 100/- and the revised pension with effect from 01.07.2009 would be Rs.8,720/ -. When the benefits conferred upon the Armed Forces

personnel on the changed policies have been clearly laid down in the Circular 430 containing several Tables, it ought to have been issued

by the respondents without any request from the applicant. However, we find that the applicant had sought for payment of pension in the

last held rank on several occasions and it was not heeded The claim for pension is a statutory right and the respondents ought to have

granted the entitled pension, admittedly, even without issuing any corrigendum in the FIV. This has been reiterated in various

communications of the Government. Therefore, the respondents are under the obligation to revise the pension when it is brought to their

notice of any defect in granting the pension. However, in this case, the respondents have not acceded to the plea of the applicant even when

it was raised immediately after his retirement.

placed to the applicant in JWO P. Gopalakrishnan (supra).

9. Accordingly, the instant OA is allowed. Subject to verification, the respondents are directed as under:

(i) Calculate the pension of the applicant based on the last held rank by him before retirement i.e. Sgt, and in consonance with the principles of

calculation that have been upheld in JWO Gopalakrishnan (supra) in this regard; and

(ii) The applicant will be accordingly issued a fresh Corrigendum PPO in the last rank held by him within three months and arrears paid accordingly,

failing which, it shall carry interest @ 6% till actual payment.

10. No order as to costs.