COURT NO. 1, ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI (Through Video-Conferencing)

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OA 2662/2021

In the matter of:

Maj Neha Thakur ... Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors. ... Respondents

For Applicant: Shri I.S. Singh with with Shri Rahul Vyas,

Advocates

For Respondents: Shri Neeraj, Sr. CGSC

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON HON'BLE LT GEN P.M. HARIZ, MEMBER (A)

ORDER 01.12.2021

Issue Notice to the respondents. Notice is accepted by Shri Neeraj, Sr. CGSC for the respondents.

We have heard the objections raised by Shri Neeraj. *Prima facie*, we find that the attitude of the respondents in dealing with the matter is not acceptable and is contrary to the law governing the principles of natural justice at this period of pandemic. Keeping in view the aforesaid, finding a *prima facie* case made out, we direct the respondents to file the counter affidavit within two weeks. In the meanwhile, the applicant shall be permitted to participate in the counselling subject to final decision of the petition.

List the matter after two weeks.

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

[LT GEN P.M. HARIZ] MEMBER (A) After the aforesaid order was dictated, Shri Bhati, who is appearing in similar matters i.e. O.A. No. 2665/2021 and O.A. No. 2666/2021, prayed for listing the matter to Friday i.e. 3rd December, 2021 so as to enable him to seek instructions.

Without modifying the aforesaid order, we direct listing of the matter on Friday i.e. **3rd December**, **2021** so that after hearing counsel for the respondents, if required, we may consider modification of the order. However, we request Shri Bhati that the officers should be conveyed the feelings of this Tribunal as has been expressed in the previous part of the order.

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[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

[LT GEN P.M. HARIZ] MEMBER (A)

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