ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL PRINCIPAL BENCH NEW DELHI

F. No. 22(2)/2022/AFT/Judl.

02nd May, 2023

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Hon'ble Bench, vide Order dated 17.04.2023 in OA 1901/2022 with MA 2509/2022 has been pleased to direct that in several cases, copies of the affidavit in opposition, rejoinder affidavit, etc. are not served on all the counsel representing different parties.

In the light of the above, it is further directed as follows:

- (i) The Filing Section of the AFT (PB) shall ensure that before accepting any document such as counter/reply affidavit, rejoinder affidavit, etc. are filed not later than five days before the day appointed for the hearing and affidavits in reply are filed not later than two days before the day of hearing;
- (ii) The Filing Section of the AFT (PB) shall ensure that copies of pleadings, petitions, applications and affidavits, counter affidavits, reply affidavits and rejoinders are served on all the parties appearing in the case, through counsel or otherwise, except when the Court, by order, exempts from doing so;
- (iii) The Filing Section shall ensure that the pleadings/documents, applications or affidavits being filed are exchanged inter se between all the parties as detailed in the cause title.
- (iv) The affidavits in opposition or reply, etc. shall not be accepted in the Registry unless they contain an endorsement of service signed by such party or parties.

This is for information and strict compliance of all concerned please.

Any deviation from the above may be treated with utmost seriousnes

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Deputy Registrar (J)

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