**BRIEF BACKGROUND OF THE CASE: FOR GRANT OF MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE TO SMT LALITA DEVI W/O OF NO 15819073P SEP SHT PRAJOOL SINGH**

**OF 21 FIELD AMMUNITION DEPOT**

**Brief Background**

1. No 15819073P Sep SHT Prajool Singh was enrolled in the Army Ordnance Corps on 23 Jan 2012 and is due for retirement on 31 Jan 2029 in his present rank. The indl is married to Smt Lalita Devi wef 11 May 2013 as per Hindu rites at his home town while posted with 812 Fd Wksp Coy EME (611 EME Bn) Part II Order to this effect has also been published vide 611 EME Bn Part II Order No 0/0080/0001/2016 dt 09 Nov 2016. On 03 May 2014 a son was born to Smt Lalita Devi and Sep Prajool Singh who was named Krishna Singh and DO Pt II Order was published vide 611 EME Bn Pt II Order No 0/0072/0001/2017 dt 31 Dec 2017.

2. Indl reported on permt posting to this unit from 222 ABOD on 21 Feb 2023 and was TORS by this Unit wef 30 Mar 2023.

3. **Petition for Maint Allce**. Smt Lalita Devi w/o No 15819073P Sep Prajool Singh filed a petition dt 23 Sep 2019 for grant of Maint Allce at Welfare Complex, IHQ of MoD (Army) vide   
letter No Welfare/D/1001/MA/OR/564/19/MD dt 25 Sep 2019 while the indl was posted at COD Jabalpur. Case was later resolved petitioner had withdrawn her case vide written statement stating that she was happily living together again with her husband Sep Prajool Singh in COD Jabalpur and had no grudges against her husband. Further, Smt Lalita Devi W/o No 15819073P Sep Prajool Singh again **re-filed the petition** at AWWA office, New Delhi on 30 Sep 2020 requesting for Maint Allce for herself and her son. As per IHQ of MoD (Army) letter No Welfare/D/1001/ MA/OR/564/19/MD dt 23 Oct 2020, compromise that took place between couple has now become **null and void**.

4. **Counseling Update**. Joint counselling of No 15819073P Sep Prajool Singh and Smt Lalita Devi was undertaken by Professional Counselor, Mrs Sarla Totla on three different dates ie. 03 Mar 2022, 12 Mar 2022 and 15 Sep 2022 to no avail. Comments of counsellor is att as **annexure-I**.

5. **Present Posn**.

(a) This unit recd case file regarding tfr of marital discord case in r/o above mentioned indl through 222 ABOD vide letter No 2039/Discp/ME dt 03 Mar 2023. Initially Smt Lalita Devi w/o No 15819073P Sep Prajool Singh submitted application regarding family dispute for grant of Maint Allce. 222 ABOD has put all possible efforts through counselling, but couple is not ready to resolve the issue/ live together, hence case for grant of Maint Allce is being processed.

(b) Applications dt 17 May 2023 (**annexure-II**), 08 Jul 2023 (**annexure-III**) and 17 Jul 2023 (**annexure-IV**) were recd by this unit from Smt Lalita Devi regarding to expedite Maint Allce case as same is long outstanding and also intimated her husband (Sep Prajool Singh) is not providing essential financial assistance and not taking care of them since last four yrs.

(c) This unit issued Show Cause Notice to indl to produce relevant transaction records with regard to financial assistance provided to his wife and son during last four yrs vide 21 FAD ION No 0414/Discp/Adm dated 09 Jun 2023.

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(d) The indl was advised with regards to his moral and social responsibility towards his wife, child and family life and sent on 30 days Casual Leave wef 11 Jun to 10 Jul 2023 to amicable resolve the issue.

(e) The indl reported back to the unit on 13 Jul 2023 being Three days OSL. He was interviewed by the Comdt during which he stated that couple has reached a stage of irreconcilable differences.

(f) **Civil Court Cases**. Court case No 632/12/2023 dt 21 Jul 2023 has been filed by Smt Lalita Devi, w/o Sep Prajool Singh in the Family Court, Farrukhabad (UP), same is mentioned in the affidavit and recd by this unit on 21 Aug 2023. Legal Notice No 632/12/2023 has been recd from Family Court, Farrukhabad (UP) on 30 Sep 2023, the same has been handover to indl. Case was listed for hearing on 21 Oct 2023 and adjourned next dt of hearing was fixed on 18 Nov 2023, Now this office recd a notice from Court of Gram Panchayat Officer that the instant case has been tfr to Gram Nyaayaalay, Tehsil - Amritpur Court, Distt - Farrukhabad.

6. **Current Discp Details**. The indl has a total of Five x Red and Eight x Black entries under various AA. The details are as under.

(a) **Red Ink Entries**.

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| **Ser No** | **Offences** | **Date of**  **Awarded** | **Punishment Awarded** | **Unit** |
| (i) | AA Sec 48 | 11 Mar 2020 | Deprivation of appt of Sep | COD Jabalpur |
| (ii) | AA Sec 48(i) | 17 Apr 2020 | Three Days RI | COD Jabalpur |
| (iii) | AA Sec 48(i) | 22 Jun 2020 | Twenty-Eight Days RI | COD Jabalpur |
| (iv) | AA Sec 48 | 11 Jun 2022 | Seven Days RI | 222 ABOD |
| (v) | AA Sec 63 | 26 Sep 2022 | Seven Days RI | 222 ABOD |

(b) **Black Ink Entries**.

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| **Ser No** | **Offences** | **Date of**  **Awarded** | **Punishment Awarded** | **Unit** |
| (i) | AA Sec 48 (i) | 08 May 2019 | Seven Days Pay Fine | COD Jabalpur |
| (ii) | AA Sec 48 (i) | 06 Nov 2019 | Seven Days Extra Guards | COD Jabalpur |
| (iii) | AA Sec 48 | 19 Apr 2021 | Fourteen Days Pay Fine | 222 ABOD |
| (iv) | AA Sec 48 | 14 Mar 2022 | Fourteen Days Pay Fine | 222 ABOD |
| (v) | AA Sec 63 | 26 Sep 2022 | Seven Days Pay Fine | 222 ABOD |
| (vi) | AA Sec 48 | 11 Apr 2023 | Ten Days Pay Fine | 21 FAD |
| (vii) | AA Sec 39 (b) | 26 Jul 2023 | Three Days Pay Fine | 21 FAD |
| (viii) | AA Sec 39 (b) | 25 Nov 2023 | Three Days Pay Fine | 21 FAD |

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7. On 20 Jul 2023, HQ Northern Comd intimated Smt Lalita Devi w/o No 15819073P Sep Prajool Singh to fwd requisite docu at the earliest to process maintenance allowance which was recd through post on 21 Aug 2023.

8. Maint Allowance related docus has already been fwd to HQ Northern Comd (HR) through HQ 31 Sub Area (DV) vide their letter No 2041/18/DV(PC-Prajool) dt 04 Sep 2023.

9. The indl was proceeded on 30 days CL wef 18 Oct to 16 Nov 2023. Indl overstayed 02 days lve wef 17 Nov to 18 Nov 2023 and he voluntarily rejoined from lve on 18 Nov 2023 (A/N). Indl has been awarded punishment three days Pay Fine under AA Sec 39 (b) on 25 Nov 2023.

10. SCN No 22018/10628/HR dt 27 Oct 2023 to Sep Prajool Singh of 21 FAD was recd by this depot 01 Nov 2023 under HQ Northern Comd letter No 22018/10628/HR dt 27 Oct 2023. This depot intimated to HQ Northern Comd (HR) that indl is on lve vide this depot Sig No 0414/Discp/Adm dt 04 Nov 2023.

11. SCN handed over to Sep Prajool Singh on 22 Nov 2023 on rejoined from lve duly countersigned by Comdt this depot. Reply of SCN was recd from indl on 29 Nov 2023 & supporting docus of SCN were recd on 04 Dec 2023. On scrutiny of SCN reply and supporting docus submitted by the indl, it is revealed that indl is not providing continuous financial assistance (**Details att as annex I of appx ‘A’**) to his wife Smt Lalita Devi & his dependent Son.