

**BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL
TRIBUNAL-2, MUMBAI**

APPEAL. NO. CGIT- 2 / EPFA 16/2026

M/s. Armed Forces Medical College, Pune. - Appellant

v/s.

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I,

EPFO, Pune.

- Respondent

ORDER

(Delivered on 23-06-2026)

1. The learned counsel for the appellant has moved an application today in court for taking the appeal on today's board, in which it is stated that, the above appeal is filed by the appellant against order dated 01.04.2025 passed by the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I Regional Office, Pune. The appeal is pending before the CGIT-cum-LC No.2, Mumbai, in which date is fixed for 24.08.2026. During the pendency of the above mentioned appeal, the appellant filed a WP No. 6777/2025 before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court. The Hon'ble Bombay High Court passed an order on 16.04.2026 in the above Writ Petition in which it is mentioned that, the appellant has already been deposited Rs. Twenty Five Lacs only (Rs. 25,00,000/-) and granted protection till 11.05.2026. Pursuant to the order passed by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court on 16.04.2026, the appellant has prayed for taking the matter on today's board for urgent hearing. The learned counsel for the respondent Ms. Malini Rai is present before the court. In view of the order passed by the Hon'ble High

Court of Bombay, this application is hereby allowed and the matter is taken on today's board.

2. Heard learned counsel for both the parties on application for stay dated 30.04.2026 and application on behalf of the appellant u/s. 7-O of the EPF & MP Act, 1952 requesting for complete waiver of the requirement of deposit of 75% amount due from the appellant as determined by the respondent without verifying circumstance of the case, which is dated 30.04.2026. Although, learned counsel for the respondent Ms. Malini Rai is present before the court, filed reply against waiver and stay applications.

3. The appellant has challenged the legality of order dated 01.04.2025 passed u/s. 7-A of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (for short "the said Act") and by this application prays for stay to the effect and operation of the order under appeal during pendency of lis.

4. I have heard both the parties. The learned counsel for the appellant is ready to deposit 50% of the assessed awarded amount for which the learned counsel for the respondent have no objection. In view of this, the appellant is directed to deposit 50% of assessed awarded amount within 02 months from the date of this order in A/c. of "Registrar CGIT" bearing account number 37153859985 of SBI Jagatpuri (Delhi) and filing an undertaking by duly authorized representative regarding payment of remaining or any other amount which the Tribunal directs. The respondent is directed not to take any coercive action with regard to recovery of the rest amount against the appellant during pendency of the appeal. If appellant fails to deposit the amount in stipulated time, the stay order will vacate automatically. It is made

clear that, the amount which has already been deposited by the appellant be adjusted in above 50%.

5. In the result, the application u/s. 7-O and stay application are hereby allowed. The stay application as well as 7-O application dated 30.04.2026 are disposed off accordingly.

List this case on 24.08.2026 for counter reply on behalf of the respondent.

Sd/-

Date: 23-06-2026

(Justice Shiv Shanker Prasad)
Presiding Officer/Link Officer
CGIT -2, Mumbai