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# WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

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The Hon'ble Justice Soumitra Pal (Chairman) & The Hon'ble Mr. P. Ramesh Kumar (Administrative Member)

#### Case No - OA 701 OF 2019

SOEB KHAN  $\underline{Vs}$  The State of West Bengal & Ors.

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For the Applicant · Mr. S. Poy Chowdhury	3
Advocate	
For the State Respondent: Mr. G.P. Banerjee,	
Advocate	
For the P.S.C., West Bengal: Mr. A.L. Basu,	
Mr. S. Bhattacharya,	
Advocates	
Let affidavit of service filed today be kept on	
record.	
Heard Mr. S. Roy Chowdhury, learned advocate	
for the applicant, Mr. G.P. Banerjee, learned advocate for	
the State respondents, and Mr. A.L. Basu, learned	
advocate for the Public Service Commission, West	
Bengal.	
In this application, the applicant has prayed for	
certain reliefs, the relevant portion of which is as under:	
"a) A direction do issue	
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the post of "FEOD" by treating him at	
par with the 140 selected candidates,	
	For the State Respondent: Mr. G.P. Banerjee, Advocate  For the P.S.C., West Bengal: Mr. A.L. Basu, Mr. S. Bhattacharya, Advocates  Let affidavit of service filed today be kept on record.  Heard Mr. S. Roy Chowdhury, learned advocate for the applicant, Mr. G.P. Banerjee, learned advocate for the State respondents, and Mr. A.L. Basu, learned advocate for the Public Service Commission, West Bengal.  In this application, the applicant has prayed for certain reliefs, the relevant portion of which is as under:  "a) A direction do issue upon the concerned respondent authorities to forthwith grant appointment to the applicants herein to the post of "FEOD" by treating him at

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not subsequent to the date when the appointment of the said 140 selected candidates are made effective from.

b) A direction do issue upon the respondent authorities to dispose of the representation of the applicants dated 19.02.2019 within a stipulated time in accordance with law and communicate the same to the applicants."

It appears that the applicant had participated in the 2010 selection process for the post of Fire Engine Operator-cum-Driver – FEOD. It appears that he had also applied for the post of FEOD in the 2014 selection process. It also appears that there was selection process for the post of Fire Operator in the year, 2018. It appears from the application that being aggrieved by the 2010 selection process, the applicant had filed a representation before the Principal Secretary, West Bengal Fire and Emergency Services, Kolkata, the respondent no. 1, being Annexure "A4" to the application.

Mr. S. Roy Chowdhury, learned advocate for the applicant submits that as the applicant had performed well in the 2010 selection process he should be treated at par with other 140 selected candidates who have been given appointment and be appointed.

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