WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Present-

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

Case No - OA 861 OF 2017

SAJAL DAS $\underline{\mathrm{Vs}}$ The State of West Bengal & Ors.

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9 17.07.2019	For the Applicant : Mr. A. Gupta, Ms. I. Ray, Advocates	
	For the State Respondent: Mr. G.P. Banerjee, Advocate	
	For the State Respondent: Mr. A.L. Basu, Mr. S. Bhattacharya, Advocates	
	The applicant, stated to be in the exempted	
	category, had applied for the post of Sub-Inspector in Sub-	
	ordinate Food & Supplies Service in the year 2014. It has	
	been stated that the final list was published on 17 th	
	January, 2017 wherefrom it is evident that though the	
	applicant had cleared written examination, but he was not	
	called for interview. Submission is though the applicant	
	had submitted the E.C. certificate before the authorities	
	within the stipulated period, however, he was not selected	
	and appointed as the West Bengal Staff Selection	
	Commission, which had conducted the selection process	
	could not trace the certificate. It is submitted by Mr. A.	
	Gupta, learned advocate for the applicant, that since it is	
	evident from the reply under the Right to Information Act,	

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2005, appearing at page 33 of the Original Application, that as the Staff Selection Commission maintained a register of E.C. certificates filed, though it did not issue any receipt / acknowledgement to the candidate, since certificate was submitted, appropriate order be passed directing appointment to the applicant.

Mr. A.L. Basu, learned advocate on behalf of the West Bengal Public Service Commission submits that the West Bengal Staff Selection Commission, wound up on 17th September, 2017, got merged with the West Bengal Public Service Commission. As West Bengal Act XIV of 1999 applies to the West Bengal Public Service Commission and as under section 3 of the said Act unless by notification the State government declares any class or categories of the persons under exempted category and as no such notification has been issued, no order may be passed. On instruction it is submitted that by notification dated 16th June, 2017, the recruitment process conducted by the West Bengal Staff Selection Commission is deemed to have been conducted by the West Bengal Public Service Commission. However, no challenge has been made to the said notification issued pursuant to the West Bengal Staff Selection Commission (Repealing) Act, 2017.

Mr. G.P. Banerjee, learned advocate appearing

on behalf of the State respondents adopts the submission of Mr. Basu. Heard Mr. Gupta, Mr. Basu and Mr. Banerjee, learned advocates for the parties. Admittedly, the West Bengal Staff Selection Commission was wound up in September, 2017 and merged with the Public Service Commission, West Bengal. There is no dispute that the instant recruitment process was done completely by the Staff Selection Commission and a notification has been issued under which it has been notified that it is deemed that the Public Service Commission, West Bengal had undertaken the selection process. Though section 1 (4) of the West Bengal Act XIV of 1999 brings within its purview the Public Service Commission, West Bengal, however, under section 3 of the said Act, it has been stipulated that:	nature ecessary
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In the instant case, since it is deemed under the	
notification under 2017, the Public Service Commission,	

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	West Bengal conducted the selection	n process, however, as	
	no notification has been issued under	r section 3 of the 1999	
SCN	Act declaring any class or category	of persons under the	
	exempted category, no order can	be passed on this	
	application. Hence, the application i	s disposed of.	
	(P. Ramesh Kumar) MEMBER (A)	(Soumitra Pal) CHAIRMAN	