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Present-

The Hon'ble Justice Ranjit Kumar Bag & The Hon'ble Dr. Subesh Kumar Das

Case No - OA 878 OF 2017

Narayan Debnath <u>Vs</u> The State of West Bengal & Ors.

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	For the Applicant : Mr. B. Chakraborty,	3
04	Mrs. S. Agarwal,	
13.03.2018	Learned Advocates.	
	For the Respondents : Mr. G.P. Banerjee,	
	Learned Advocate.	
	The applicant has prayed for quashing of the	
	charge sheet issued by the respondent no. 2 on	
	December 22, 2016 and the order passed by the same	
	respondent no. 2 on April 4, 2017 and also prayed for	
	direction upon the respondents to consider the	
	representation submitted by the applicant on May 2,	
	2017 by filing the original application under section 19	
	of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.	
	It appears from the materials on record that the	
	applicant was working as Finance Officer under the	
	West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences.	
	The applicant was placed under suspension on April 5,	
	2013 and the charge sheet was issued against the	
	applicant on December 22, 2016 for initiation of	
	departmental enquiry against him under the provisions	
	of Rule 10 of the West Bengal Services (Classification,	
	Control & Appeal) Rules, 1971. Admittedly, the	
	applicant retired from service on December 31, 2016.	
	The departmental enquiry initiated against the	
	applicant by issuance of charge sheet on December 22,	
	2016 was converted to departmental enquiry under	

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proviso (a) to Rule 10(1) of the West Bengal Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1971 [in short WBS (DCRB) Rules, 1971] by an order issued by the respondent no. 2 on April 4, 2017.

Learned Counsel for the applicant submits that respondent no. 2 has no authority under the law to convert the departmental enquiry initiated against the applicant while he was in service into the departmental enquiry under the provisions of Rule 10 of the WBS (DCRB) Rules, 1971. We are unable to accept this contention made on behalf of the applicant in view of the clear provisions laid down in proviso (a) to sub-rule (1) of Rule 10 of the WBS (DCRB) Rules, 1971. We do not find any illegality in issuance of order dated April 4, 2017 by the respondent no. 2 (Annexure-P5 to the original application). Since there is no merit in the submission made on behalf of the applicant, we cannot persuade ourselves to direct the concerned respondent to consider the representation submitted by the applicant on May 2, 2017.

In view of our above findings, the original application is dismissed.

Let a plain copy of this order be supplied to both parties.

(S.K. DAS) MEMBER(A)

(R. K. BAG) MEMBER (J)

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