

ORDER SHEET
WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

The Hon'ble Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)

Case No. CCP – 22 of 2025 (OA – 334 of 2020)

**Arabinda Bandyopadhyay & Others - VERSUS - Mrs. Rachana Bhagat, I.A.S., the Director of I.C.D.S.,
The Government of West Bengal & Others**

Serial No.

and

Date of order

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05.08.2025

For the Applicants

: Mr. B. Bhushan,
Learned Advocate.

For the Alleged
Contemnor /O.P.

: Mr. S.N. Ray,
Learned Advocate

The matter is taken up by the Single Bench pursuant to the order contained in the Notification No. 638 – WBAT / 2J-15/2016 dated 23rd November, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5(6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

This application has been filed alleging non-compliance of the direction of this Tribunal in M.A. 50 of 2025, arising out of O.A. 334 of 2020. In this order dated 22.05.2025, a direction was given upon the Director, I.C.D.S. to serve a copy of show cause to the applicant, Arabinda Bandhopadhyay and other applicants in the application. The applicants were also directed that if such show cause notices were served, they were to furnish their replies before their concerned C.D.P.O.s.

Mr. Bhushan, learned counsel has submitted that despite such clear directions of the Tribunal, the applicants have not been served a copy of the show cause notice, therefore, non-compliance of the Tribunal's direction.

Mr. Ray, learned counsel points out that the Tribunal was under the wrong impression that such show cause notices were issued to the applicants who are functioning as Assistant Child Development Project Officers under their respective C.D.P.O.s. He points out that the A.C.D.P.O.s were not show caused, rather the respective C.D.P.O.s who were held responsible and asked for an explanation for granting of scale no. 14 to the applicants. Therefore, in his view, serving copies of the show cause to the applicants as A.C.D.P.O.s were not necessary and not required under the law. Thus, it cannot be said that the respondent authorities have not complied with the direction of this Tribunal.

The Tribunal agrees and have accepted the remarks of Mr. Ray who has been advised to present copies of the show cause and replies furnished by the C.D.P.O.s before this Tribunal on the next date.

Let the matter appear under the heading 'Admission Hearing' on 19.11.2025.

A.K.P.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON & MEMBER(A)