

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. OA – 173 of 2025

Lila Oraon - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No.

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29.07.2025

For the Applicant : Mr. A. Chakraborty,
Learned Advocate,

For the Respondents : 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.

Affidavit of service filed be kept in record.

The applicant has filed this application praying for a direction to the respondent authorities to provide him an appointment on compassionate ground. From the submissions and the records it transpires that Matlu Oraon, father of the applicant had worked as a Bana Shramik at Gorumara Wildlife (North) Circle. Matlu Oraon expired on 15.02.2016 at the age of 53 years. The applicant being the daughter of the deceased employee furnished an application for appointment under compassionate ground. A copy of correspondence No. 3754 dated 10.07.2017 reveals that her application with other particulars was forwarded by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest to the Principal Secretary of the Forest Department. This correspondence also reveals that Departmental Inquiry Committee recommended such an appointment to the applicant. As such the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest also recommends such an appointment in the post of Group – D to the applicant. Later, by Memo 2148 dated 08.06.2022, the applicant was advised to submit 6 (six) different documents afresh by the Divisional Forest Officer, Gorumara Wildlife Division, Jalpaiguri.

Mr. A. Chakraborty, learned counsel submits that as advised, the applicant resubmitted all the required documents before the Divisional Forest Officer. But since then no further development has taken place and the applicant is still waiting for a favourable decision from the respondent authorities.

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Mr. Ray, learned counsel submits that if a direction is given to the respondent authorities for expediting the process of such an employment to the applicant, the same will be complied within the framework of the rules.

Having heard the submissions of the learned counsels, this application is disposed of by directing the respondent no. 2(i), Principal Secretary, Department of Forest to expedite the Department's decision concerning the prayer of the applicant for appointment on compassionate ground. From the records, it is assumed that the Department is now in possession of all the records, including the recommendation of the Departmental Committee, therefore, such decision be taken expeditiously, preferably within three months from the date of communication of this order.

This application is disposed of.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON & MEMBER(A)

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