

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 – 174 of 2025

Indurani Sarkar - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No.

and

Date of order

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29.07.2025

For the Applicant

: Mr. A. Chakraborty,
Learned Advocate,

For the Respondents

: Ms. R. Sarkar,
Mr. S. Debray,
Mr. R. Bag,
(Departmental Representatives)
Land & Land Reforms Department.

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.

The applicant has filed this application praying for a direction upon the State respondents to consider her representation dated 12.12.2022 praying for family pension. A copy of this representation dated 12.12.2022 is addressed to the Block Land and Land Reforms Officer, Berhampore, Murshidabad, in which she prays for family pension as second wife of the deceased employee Baliraj Sarkar @ Baliram Sarkar. Baliraj Sarkar was holding a post of peon at the office of B.L.R.O., Behrampore. After his retirement he was drawing his pension and after his death his first wife, Sandhyarani Sarkar drew family pension till her death. The applicant claiming to be the second wife to the deceased employee, Baliraj Sarkar has prayed for family pension in her favour.

The Departmental Representatives have submitted that the applicant being the second wife of the deceased employee is not eligible for family pension for the main reason that her marriage with the deceased employee was solemnised during the lifetime of the first wife, Sandhyarani Sarkar.

Having heard the submissions, this application is disposed of by directing the District Land Reforms Officer, Murshidabad to examine the representation and take a final decision in this matter as per Rules. If it is felt necessary for the applicant to be present before him with relevant documents, the applicant may be advised so.

This application is disposed of.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON & MEMBER(A)

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