

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 – 195 of 2023**

**Soma Chattaraj @ Soma Karmakar - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.**

Serial No.	For the Applicant	: Mr. A. Hati,
and		Advocate
Date of order		
<u>4</u>	For the Respondents	: Mr. M.N. Roy,
21.12.2023		Advocate
	For the Pr. A.G. (A & E),	: Mr. B. Mitra,
	West Bengal	(Departmental Representative)

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

On consent of the learned counsels, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the respondent authorities to disburse family pension, gratuity, provident fund, leave salary and other admissible benefits after the demise of her husband, Late Shankari Prasad Chattaraj. From the submissions of the learned counsels and records, the Tribunal has observed that the name of the applicant, Mrs. Soma Chattaraj @ Soma Karmakar is recorded in the Service Book of the deceased employee. Whereas, in the nomination papers for Gratuity and Group Insurance Scheme, the name of Private Respondent, Laxmi Rani Das Chattaraj has been recorded. It appears to the Tribunal that the deceased employee during tenure of his service recorded the name of the Private Respondent in the nomination papers for Gratuity and GIS. Thus it is to be surmised that during the subsistence of the first marriage with Soma Chattaraj, the deceased employee had contacted a second marriage with Laxmi Rani Das Chattaraj and her name was duly entered as nominee for receiving the benefit of death Gratuity and GIS.

In the opinion of the Tribunal, the primary issue relating in this matter relates

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to matrimony and the legal heirs of the deceased employee. Since this Tribunal is not the competent authority to decide about such matters, this matter is disposed of without passing orders giving liberty to approach the appropriate forum.

SAYEED AHMED BABA  
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON & MEMBER(A)

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