## 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 - 2 of 2025

Manasi Bose (Kar Sarkar) - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No.

For the Applicant : Ms. A. Shaw,

and

Learned Advocate.

Date of order

19.02.2025

For the Respondents

: None

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.

Affidavit of service filed be kept in record.

By filing this application, the applicant has prayed for a direction to the competent authority in the Department of Water Resources Investigation and Development to offer an employment under compassionate ground. Manoranjan Bose, the deceased employee and father of the applicant holding the post of Assistant Driver under Block Development Officer, Debra, Paschim Medinipur had died on 09.02.2013 while in service. Manasi Bose (Kar Sarkar), the married daughter of the deceased employee had furnished a prayer before the Block Development Officer, Debra Block praying for a compassionate employment for herself on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2012. The Block Development Officer in his Memo 2845 dated 23.06.2014 had forwarded such application to the Assistant Engineer (Agri. Mech), Medinipur Sub-division. respondent authorities after examining the proposal constituted a Three-Men-Screeningcum-Enquiry Committee. The Committee in its report dated 17.02.2015 found that the total monthly income of the family falls below 90% of the last gross salary of the deceased employee. The Committee also observed that the applicant, though married, was living with her mother. Against an RTI Application filed by the applicant dated 21.11.2024, the Executive Engineer (Agri. Mech), Medinipur Division had replied that "no final decision order has been received till date".

It is the understanding of this Tribunal that the final decisions in such matter are taken by the Secretary of the Department being the competent authority. It directs the respondent no. 1, Secretary, Department of Water Resources Investigation and Development to take the final decision in the matter relating to prayer of the applicant

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for employment under compassionate ground. Such final order composed in a reasoned order be completed within three months from the date of communication of this order and a copy be served upon the applicant within two weeks thereof.

This application is disposed of.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON & MEMBER(A)

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