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 – 307 of 2025

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Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	: Mr. R. Khan, Mr. M. Ghosal, Learned Advocates
20.06.2025	For the Respondents	: Mr. G.P. Banerjee, Learned Advocate
	For the Public Service Commission, W.B.	: Mr. S. Bhattacharjee, 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.

The applicant has prayed for a direction to the respondent authorities for revaluation of the answer scripts of the written examination held for the post of Subinspector, Subordinate Food & Supplies Service. The specific point covered in his prayer is that the answer given by him to question 7 and 25 of the question booklet series 'B' of the written examination were correct. The Public Service Commission had conducted the examination for the above post by publishing an advertisement No. 26/2018. The examination comprised of

- (i) Written Test (objective Multiple Choice Question)
- (ii) The Personality Test.

The applicant had participated but did not qualify for the Personality Test.

Mr. Banerjee and Mr. Bhattacharjee, learned counsels for the Sate and the Commission respectively submit that this application is not admissible as it is barred by limitation. The written examination was conducted on 27.01.2019. The applicant had appeared in this examination but did not qualify for the second round – the Personality Test which was conducted on 23.11.2020 to 17.12.2020. From these dates, it is evident that the applicant knowing very well that he did not succeed in the written examination conducted on 27.11.2019, took almost five years to file an R.T.I. application asking for details of the marks obtained by him in the said examination. Such an R.T.I. application filed belatedly from the date of the written examination, makes this application inadmissible due to limitation. Learned counsels also submit that since their

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examination was of 2018 advertisement, by now all the vacancies have been filled up by the department concerned.

The matter is admitted keeping the point of maintainability open. Let the matter appear under the heading 'For Orders' on 20.08.2025.

> SAYEED AHMED BABA OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON & MEMBER(A)

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