

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 – 390 of 2024**

**Provat Kumar Mridha - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.**

Serial No. For the Applicant : Mr. D. Banerjee,  
and Advocate

Date of order  
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14.11.2024 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.

From the submissions of the learned counsel of the applicant and records referred to, it is understood that the applicant was appointed to the post of Panchayat Clerk, Jalpaiguri by an order dated 05.04.1988. He served in this post till 20.10.2012 but remained on unauthorised absence. Later on 31.01.2017 he attained the age of 60. From the correspondence of Commissioner, Panchayat and Rural Development addressed to the applicant dated 20.12.2021, it is revealed that the applicant was served a show cause notice for his remaining absent without approval from 20.10.2012 onwards. It also reveals that a criminal case was lodged against the applicant in Jalpaiguri Kotwali Police Station. However, the Commissioner also notes that he is not a pension sanctioning authority. The applicant addressed a representation dated 24.06.2024 before the District Panchayat and Rural Development Officer, Jalpaiguri who happens to be his pension sanctioning authority. In the representation, he has narrated the reasons why he was not able to attend office and prays for sanction of his pension which he is entitled for the service is rendered as a Panchayat Clerk from 05.04.1988 till his last date of office being 20.10.2012.

Mrs. P. Sasmal appearing on behalf of Mr. S. Ghosh, learned counsel for the respondent prays for accommodation.

The matter is admitted.

Let the matter appear under the heading 'For Orders' on 10.12.2024.

A.K.P/H.S.

SAYEED AHMED BABA  
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON & MEMBER(A)