

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 – 576 of 2024

Chanchal Bhowmik - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No. and Date of order <u>4</u> 08.08.2025	For the Applicant	: Mr. S.N. Ray, Learned Advocate
	For the Respondents	: Ms. R. Sarkar, Mr. S. Debray, Mr. R. Bag, Mrs. A. Bhattacharya, (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.

By filing this application before this Tribunal, the applicant has prayed for setting aside the entire Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against him by an order dated 13.9.2023. The applicant has also prayed that such Disciplinary Proceedings against him be concluded expeditiously. Mr. Ray, learned counsel, who has appeared on behalf of the applicant is surprised that the Respondent authorities woke up late to take action against the applicant for an issue for which he was show caused in 2015. The proceeding which has been initiated on the verge of his retirement is therefore not only arbitrary but was with the objective of maliciousness and vindictiveness. The applicant has superannuated on 31.1.2024 and not receiving any regular pension.

Ms. Sarkar, appearing on behalf of the Department has submitted that the charges are very grave. However, the Disciplinary Proceedings are on the verge of conclusion.

Having heard the submissions of the learned counsels and having examined all the relevant records, a direction is passed upon the respondent no. 2, the District Land and Land Reforms Officer, Hooghly and the Disciplinary Authority to conclude the disciplinary proceedings against the applicant within the next four months from the date of communication of this order, failing which the entire disciplinary proceedings will stand vitiated.

This application is disposed of.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON & MEMBER(A)

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