<u>ORDER SHEET</u> WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

The Hon'ble Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Officiating Chairperson and Administrative Member

Case No. -OA 716 OF 2023

BIMAN HEMBRAM - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No. and Date of	For the Applicant	:	Mr. Shaon Bhattacharya, Advocate
order 2	For the State Respondents	:	Mr. Soumendra Narayan Ray, Advocate

18.01.2024

The matter is taken up by the single Bench pursuant to the order contained in the Notification No.638-WBAT/2J-15/2016 (Pt.-II) dated 23rd 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 for the parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

By an order of this Tribunal dated 11.12.2023, Mr. Soumendra Narayan Ray, learned counsel was advised to take the status of the application from the office of the respondent No.2, the Principal Conservator of Forest (Head of Forest Force). Today Mr. Ray submits that he had checked the status of this proposal, however, there has not been any development so far from the office of the respondent No.2. The last representation the applicant had forwarded before the Divisional Forest Officer, Midnapore Division on 11.09.2023 was also forwarded to the office of the Principal Conservator of Forest (Head of Forest Force).

Mr. Shaon Bhattacharya, learned counsel for the applicant, having heard the status from Mr. Ray, prays for a direction to the respondent No.2, the Principal Conservator of Forest (Head of Forest Force) for expeditious consideration of his application for compassionate employment.

Having in record the fact that the Special C.C.F. and Conservator of Forest had submitted such a proposal for compassionate employment with all the relevant documents on 26.12.2011, the Tribunal notes with grave concern that till date this matter has not been attended and considered. As made known to the Tribunal today, the last representation dated 04.10.2023 from the applicant was also duly forwarded to him.

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In view of the above observation, the Tribunal in unequivocal terms directs the respondent No.2, the Principal Conservator of Forest (Head of Forest Force) to consider the application for compassionate employment within eight weeks from the date of communication of this order and pass a reasoned order in accordance with law and communicate the same to the applicant within two weeks thereof. Accordingly, the application is disposed of.

> (SAYEED AHMED BABA) OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON and MEMBER (A)

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