

**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 161 of 2023**

**Smt. Chameli Das. - Versus - The State of West Bengal & Others.**

Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	: Mr. S. K. Sarkar, Advocate.
<u>05</u> 06.08.2024.	For the State Respondents	: Mr. S. Ghosh, Advocate.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 (6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the respondents to enhance the wages of the applicant who is serving as 'Sweeper' under the Joint Director of Fisheries. The applicant has prayed for such enhancement in terms of circulars dated 25.06.2020 and 17.03.2022 issued by the Joint Labour Commissioner (P). As per the circular dated 25.06.2020, an enhanced remuneration of Rs. 8,550/- has been recommended for Zone 'A', the applicant working in Kolkata is covered under Zone 'A'. However, this notification also stipulates that such an employee is entitled for such benefit who has worked for more than eight and half hours a day and six days in a week. It is not disputed that the applicant, Chameli Das as a part-time sweeper, her duty is less than eight and half hours. Therefore, it is clear that this notification is not applicable to her.

On the other hand, Mr. Ghosh has presented a copy of Memo. No. 397 dated 17.02.2023 issued by the Department of Fisheries. In this correspondence, it is informed that the applicant, Chameli Das being a part-time sweeper is not entitled for such enhanced remuneration in terms of Finance Department's G.O. No. 2966-F(P) dated 23.04.2010. It has also been submitted by the State respondents that under the scheme for part-time employees, called "Karma Bandhu" the highest

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remuneration is only Rs. 3,000/- per month. Since by admission of the applicant's side, the applicant is already receiving Rs. 3,000/- per month as a part-time sweeper, the Tribunal does not deem it necessary to examine the matter further and pass any direction. This application is disposed of without passing any orders.

(SAYEED AHMED BABA)  
Officiating Chairperson and Member (A)

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