

ORDER SHEET

WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

Mr. Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Officiating Chairperson and Hon'ble Member (A).

Case No. – OA 162 of 2024.

SUBRATA BHATTACHARYA - VERSUS- THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No. and
Date of order

02
22.08.2024

For the Applicant : Mr. J.N. Chatterjee,
Mr. S. Naskar,
Advocates.

For the State Respondents : Mr. G.P. Banerjee,
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 23rd November, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5(6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

This application has been filed with the primary prayer directing the Respondent authorities to conclude the Departmental Proceedings initiated against the applicant expeditiously. From the submission of the learned counsels and records in this application, it is manifest that a Departmental Proceeding was initiated against the applicant dated 10.4.2023. Submission is that though the Departmental Proceeding was initiated but, it is yet to be concluded.

Mr. Banerjee, learned counsel has responded in his submission that due to pendency of a case being MAT No. 538 of 2023 in the Hon'ble High Court, the Departmental Proceedings are yet to be concluded. Mr. Chatterjee disagrees and submits that the matter in MAT 538 of 2023 assailing the W.P.A. No. 24119 of 2022 has no bearing what-so-ever with the charges framed against the applicant in the Departmental Proceedings. However, Mr. Chatterjee submits that it will suffice if a direction is given to the Respondent authorities to consider his representation.

The Tribunal finds a copy of such representation in this application which was filed by the applicant before the ADG & IGP, Law and Order and Additional Director General and IGP, EB on 05.02.2024 praying for early disposal of the Departmental Proceedings. Mr. Banerjee agrees that if a direction is given to consider the representation, the same will be complied as per rules.

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Having heard the submissions of the learned counsels, this application is disposed of by directing the Additional Director General and Inspector General of Police Law & Order, - the Respondent no. 2 to consider the representation of the applicant dated 05.02.2024 and conclude the Departmental Proceedings, preferably within a reasonable period of time.

With this observation, this application is disposed of.

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

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