ORDER SHEET WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700 091.

The Hon'ble Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)

Case No. – <u>OA 164 of 2023</u>

Smt. Prabhati Mahato -- VERSUS - The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	: Mrs. S. Agarwal, Ld. Advocate.
	For the State respondent	: Mrs. S. Mitra, Ld. Advocate.
$\frac{02}{19.05.2023}$	For the Pr.AG (A&E), WB	: Mr. B. Mitra, Depttl. Rep.

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 contesting parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

Affidavit of service filed be kept on record.

The prayer in this application is for directing the respondents to release the family pension of the applicant. It appears that the applicant is the widow of the deceased employee who retired from service on 31.07.2006 as a Constable-cum-Driver with Kolkata Police and later died on 30.05.2020.

Responding on behalf of the State respondents, Mrs. S. Mitra, learned counsel for the State respondents and Mr. B. Mitra, the Departmental Representative for the Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal referred to the correspondence of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal and also the pension papers and submits that the admissibility of the applicant for family pension is to be considered in the light of facts as given in the above letter.

Heard the learned counsels for the parties, the matter is admitted.

Let the matter appear under the heading "Hearing" on 09.10.2023.

Reply and rejoinder, if any, in the meantime.

SAYEED AHMED BABA Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)

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