<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. – <u>OA 184 OF 2023</u>

SUMITRA TUDU - VS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS.

Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	:	Mrs.Subarna Das Advocate
$\frac{04}{05.02.2024}$	For the State Respondents	:	Mr.Soumendra Narayan Ray Advocate
	For the Principal Accountant General (A&E) West Bengal	:	Mr.Biswanath Mitra (Departmental Representative)

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.

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On consent of the learned counsels and the learned Departmental representative for the contesting parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

Affidavit of service filed today be kept on record.

The applicant has prayed for a direction to the respondent authorities to disburse the Provident Fund, Group Insurance and the Gratuity amount against her deceased husband's service as Bana Sramik under the Divisional Forest Officer, Panchet Soil Conservation Division. From the submission of Mr.S.N.Ray, learned counsel, it appears that though the service of the deceased employee was terminated, but the legal heirs are entitled to receive the Provident Fund and Group Insurance. Such submission is based on the statement of fact communicated to Mr.S.N.Ray by the respondent authorities.

Since it is clear that legal heirs, particularly, this applicant as widow of the deceased husband is eligible to receive General Provident Fund and Group Insurance, the respondent No. 4, the Divisional Forest

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Officer, Panchet Division, Bankura, is directed to sanction and release the above admissible benefits to the applicant after verifying the records and as per rules within a period of three months from the date of communication of this order. Let also the applicant submit all the relevant documents before the office of the respondents as and when advised.

Accordingly, the application is disposed of.

(SAYEED AHMED BABA) OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER (A)

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