

ORDER SHEET

WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

The Hon'ble Mrs. Urmita Datta(Sen), Member(J).

Case No. – OA 197 of 2020

ARABINDA DAS - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	: Mr. S. Bhattacharya & Mr. A.L. Basu Advocates
<u>06</u> 05.03.2021	For the State respondents	: Mr. S.N. Ray Advocate
	Departmental Representative	: Mr. B. Mitra Pr. AG(A&E), WB

The matter is taken up by the single Bench pursuant to the Notification No.949-WBAT/2J-15/2016 dated 24th December, 2020 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-Section (6) of Section 5 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

The Counsel for the Applicant has submitted that though he retired on 30.04.2019 but no pensionary benefit including GPF, Gratuity as well as pension received by him till date. However, the Departmental Representative for the A.G. has submitted that since the Applicant is a Group-D employee, they are not maintaining the GPF account. However, till date no pensionary papers have been received by him from the Department.

The instant application has been filed praying for a direction to the Respondent Authority to make payment of pension and pensionary benefit. The Counsel for the Respondent has drawn my attention to the Memo dated 18.03.2020 whereby the Applicant was directed to appear before the Director of Youth Services for preparation of duplicate Service Book as the Department has lost the Service Book of the Applicant and therefore they could not proceed with the pensionary benefits. The Counsel for the Respondent has further

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submitted that the Applicant has prayed for GPF amount. The Council for the Applicant has admitted that the GPF amount has already been received by him. However, he is also ready to co-operate with the Respondent Authority for preparation of duplicate copy of Service Book, which was lost by the Department. Therefore, let the matter be adjourned. In the mean time, both the parties are directed to co-operate with each other to make payment of pensionary benefits.

Let the OA be listed on 30.07.2021 under the heading Hearing.

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Urmita Datta(Sen)
Member(J)