## ORDER SHEET

## WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

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

Case No. – <u>OA 244 of 2018</u>

**Arghya Mandal** -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and Date of order

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27.11.2024

For the Applicant : Mr. A.K. Chakraborty,

Ld. Advocate.

For the State Respondents

: Mr. G.P. Banerjee,

Ld. 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.

Mr. Chakraborty, learned counsel for the applicant files a supplementary affidavit. Let the same be kept on record. Copy has been served upon the learned counsel for the State respondents. Mr. Chakraborty is of the opinion that by an order dated 12.12.2022, the period of suspension of the applicant from 28.09.2010 to 18.08.2013 has been treated as "spent on duty". Therefore, the final order passed on 24.10.2017 imposing a penalty of withholding two annual increments does not stand. Disagreeing with what Mr. Chakraborty has argued, Mr. Banerjee, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State respondents points out that the period mentioned in the final order and the order dated 12.12.2022 are two separate and distinct period.

Heard the submissions of the learned counsels in part.

Let the matter appear under the heading "Hearing" on 17.06.2025.

SAYEED AHMED BABA **Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)**