

ORDER SHEET

WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

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

Case No. –OA 249 of 2024

Supriya Kundu -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Others

Serial No. and Date of order For the Applicant : Mr. S.N. Ray,
Ld. Advocate.

01 For the State Respondents : Mr. M.N. Roy,
29.07.2024 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.

Affidavit of service filed today be kept on record.

The applicant has prayed for setting aside the Memo No. 892 dated 13.03.2024, published by the West Bengal Police Recruitment Board. This Memo was a publication by the West Bengal Police Recruitment Board for candidates recommended for the post of Lady Constables in West Bengal Police – 2023. Appearing at serial No. 71, the applicant, Supriya Kundu showing a total of 64.42 marks has the remarks “Not Selected”.

From the submissions of the learned counsels and records in this application, it appears that the candidature of the applicant was rejected on the ground that the applicant failed to submit the revalidated caste certificate of OBC-B category. From the copy of the report shown by Mr. M.N. Roy, it is seen that the applicant had submitted her OBC-B certificate No. WB1102OBC201902342 issued by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Barrackpore on 14.11.2019.

Mr. M.N. Roy presenting a copy of “Information to the applicants for “on-line submission of application” explains that as per Para –3. ((ii) of Eligibility; if short listed for interview, the candidate has to produce the revalidated/renewed or fresh OBC-A/OBC-B certificate issued by the competent authority within one year preceding 01.01.2021 during verification of testimonials at the time of interview. In this case, the applicant had submitted at the time of interview her OBC-B certificate No. WB1102OBC201902342 dated 14.11.2019. Therefore, the applicant could not produce at the time of interview a revalidated or renewed OBC-B certificate. Accordingly, her candidature was not considered.

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Though Mr. S.N. Ray, learned counsel draws attention to Annexure-B at page 44 which appears to be a OBC certificate issued by the Sub Divisional Officer, Barrackpore to the applicant, Supriya Kundu, but it is clear that such a certificate was issued to the applicant only on 14.11.2019, which is after expiry of the last date of submission of certificate by the applicant. Though this is a fresh certificate, but it is clear that the applicant had submitted her earlier certificate which was dated 21.02.2024 at the time of interview.

From the above consideration of the case, the Tribunal finds that the applicant had failed to submit a valid certificate belonging to OBC-B category during the interview and thus, her candidature was not accepted.

After hearing the submissions and examination of the records, the Tribunal finds, devoid of any merit this application and thus, the matter is disposed of without passing any order.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)

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