

**WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL**

**Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.**

**Present-**

**The Hon'ble SAYEED AHMED BABA, Member (A)**

**Case No. – OA-274 of 2022**

**Satyajit Bhandari VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	:	Mrs. S. Agarwal, Ms. Tulika Bhattacharya, Learned Advocate.
<u>03</u> 13.07.2022	For the State Respondents	:	Mr. G. Halder, Learned Advocate.

In this application, the applicant Satyajit Bhandari prays for a direction to the respondents to consider and dispose of his application for compassionate employment at the earliest. His father Arjun Bhandari a Krishi Shramik died in harness on 28.02.2008. At the time of his death, the applicant was a minor of around 14 years. The mother of the applicant presented a plain paper application for compassionate employment for herself to the respondents on 29.02.2008 followed by proforma application on 04.08.2009. The respondent had set up an enquiry committee to enquire about the genuineness and financial condition of the family.

Later the mother withdrew the application and submitted fresh application in favour of her son Satyajit Bhandari. The applicant's proforma application was submitted on 17.02.2014 after attaining majority.

Mrs. Agarwal submits that despite a reminder representation submitted on 12.02.2021, the respondents has not acted upon her prayers. Therefore, a direction may be given to the

respondents to consider and dispose of her application.

Mr. Halder, learned advocate appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that the application is not maintainable for the fact that, firstly, the applicant was a minor at the time of his father's death. Secondly, this application comes under limitation because the proforma application was submitted in the year 2014 after a gap of six years.

Mrs. Agarwal submits that the respondent is directed to consider and dispose of the application, the last one submitted on 12.02.2021.

After hearing both the learned advocates and considering facts and circumstances, the application is disposed of by directing the respondent no. 2, the Secretary, Deptt. of Agriculture to consider and dispose of the application for compassionate employment within a period of 12 (twelve) weeks from the date of this Order with an intimation to the applicant. I have not gone into the merit of the case; the facts are kept open for the respondent to deal with. Accordingly, OA is disposed of.

SAYEED AHMED BABA  
MEMBER (A)

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