

ORDER SHEET

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. - OA 287 OF 2010

BIBHAS CH. NASKAR & ORS. - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No.	For the Applicants	:	Mr. Chittaranjan Panda,
and			Advocate
Date of order	For the State Respondents	:	Mr. Manujendra Narayan Roy,
			Advocate
	For the Added Private Respondents	:	Mr. G.P. Banerjee,
<u>20</u>			Mrs. S. Agarwal,
29.01.2024			Mr. Saikat Chatterjee,
			Mrs. M. Ghosh Dey,
			Mr. G. Halder,
			Mr. S. Bhattacharya,
			Advocates

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.

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

In terms of the Tribunal's order dated 02.01.2023, this matter was listed before a Bench comprising two Members (one Judicial and one Administrative). Unfortunately, as of today only one Single-Member (Administrative) Bench is functioning in this Tribunal.

Mr. Chittaranjan Panda, learned counsel submits that due to non-availability of such Bench, the applicants are suffering and prays hearing of this matter by this Single Bench.

Mr. M.N. Ray, learned counsel points out to the order dated 14.03.2023 in which all the learned counsels representing all the parties in this matter had agreed to have this matter heard by a Bench comprising two members (Judicial and Administrative).

It may not be imprudent to record that this Tribunal has been functioning with only one Single-Member (Administrative) Bench for more than one year. Had more Members been present in this Tribunal, this matter would have definitely been heard today. Besides, this Single-Member Bench is over-loaded and is not in a position to hear this matter.

In view of above facts, let this matter be placed before a Bench comprising two Members (Judicial and Administrative) on 24.09.2024 under the heading "Hearing" with liberty to mention if such a Bench is available before this date.

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