

ORDER SHEET

WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

Mr. Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Officiating Chairperson and Hon'ble Member (A).

Case No. – OA 293 of 2022.

ASIT KUMAR MAJUMDAR & ORS - VERSUS-THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No. and
Date of order

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20.12.2023

For the Applicants : Mr. S. Shah,
Learned Advocate.
For the State respondents : Mr. G.P. Banerjee,
Learned 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.

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

In filing a copy of memo 1099 dated 10th October, 2018, Mr. Shah reiterates his earlier point of submission that since 1980, the diploma course for Library Science has been discontinued. It appears Mr. Shah is correct because this correspondence from the Secretary, West Bengal Health Recruitment Board addressed to one Sri Kingsuk Das states that there no diploma course in Library Science has been offered since 1980 by any recognised University, but only BLIS and MLIS are the approved programmes. Let the copy of Memo 1099 dated 10th October, 2018 be kept on record. It is surprising to know that since no diploma course in Library Science has been offered by any recognised universities since 1980, then how the Health Recruitment Board issued this advertisement for recruitment of twelve posts of librarian in which the essential qualification has been shown as diploma in Library Science from any recognised University! Equally surprising is that in the same advertisement, BLIS and MLIS are not shown as essential qualification.

Mr. G.P. Banerjee, learned counsel for the State respondents has been advised to check this with the office of the respondent authority and file a reply by the

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next date on the question of how diploma in Library Science has been made compulsory qualification when such courses have not been offered by any University since 1980.

Let the reply also update on the result of the recruitment process for this post of Librarian.

Let the matter appear under the heading "Hearing" on 13th May, 2024.

(SAYEED AHMED BABA)
Officiating Chairperson and Member (A).

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