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 319 of 2023

Prasenjit Barai & Ors. -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and Date of order		
	For the Applicants	: Mr. M.N. Roy, Ld. Advocate. Mr. G. Halder, Ld. Advocate.
	For the State respondent	: None.
02 11.07.2023	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, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly. Affidavit of service filed be kept on record. The prayer in this application is for a direction to the respondent authorities to allow cash allowances in lieu of subsidised ration allowances to the applicants who are posted as Guarding Staff/Warders in different correctional homes of the State. Relying on the order of the Tribunal in OA 774 of 2018, Mr. M.N. Roy, learned advocate for the applicants prays for a similar direction since all the applicants in this application are also similarly circumstanced. In terms of the Tribunal's order in OA 774of 2019, the Principal Secretary of the respondent department had passed a reasoned order dated 21.09.2022. The relevant para of this reasoned order is as follows : "From the above facts and after going through the records of the case and related documents, it is ordered that the applicants in OA No. 774 of 2019 (Shyamal Ganai & 54 Others –Vs- The State of West Bengal & Ors.) are entitled to draw cash allowance in lieu of subsidized Ration Allowance during their period of probation for this instant case only." Attention is also drawn to several pages in this application which appears to be representations furnished by the applicants before the respondent authorities praying for grant of cash allowance in lieu of subsidised ration allowances. Since none has appeared on behalf of the State respondents despite service of notice, let this matter appear under the heading **"For Orders"** on **31.07.2023.** Let a copy of this order be communicated by the applicants upon the respondents informing the next date of hearing of this matter.	

SAYEED AHMED BABA
Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)

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