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-351 of 2023

Sri Ranjit Mondal -- **VERSUS** – The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and Date of order

 $\frac{06}{15.01.2025}$

For the Applicant

: Mrs. S. Agarwal, Ld. Advocate.

For the State Respondent

: Mr. A.K. Das Sinha, 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.

Mrs. Agarwal, learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that soon after the death of his father, Narendra Chandra Mondal, a Resham Karmee on 11.10.2011 both the applicant as well as the mother furnished plain paper applications on 07.02.2012 praying for an employment under compassionate ground before the Deputy Director of Textiles (Sericulture), Jalpaiguri. It is also submitted that the proforma application was also furnished before the respondent authorities. Attention has been drawn to memo no. 997 dated 18.01.2023 addressed by the Additional Director to the Joint Director of Sericulture. By this memo, relevant documents of the applicant were requested. Mrs. Agarwal argues that since such administrative decision to examine the documents was taken on 18.01.2023, no further development has taken place. Therefore, the respondent authority may be directed to expedite their decision in this prayer for an employment under compassionate ground.

Appearing on behalf of the state respondents, Mr. Sinha, learned counsel suggest that the applicant was only 9 (nine) years old at the time of death of his father on 11.10.2011. Further, though the applicant was a minor at that point of time but the mother of the applicant was very much eligible and could have applied for such an employment, but chose not to do so. It, therefore, suggests that the family was not in need of any immediate financial support.

Having heard the submissions of the learned counsels, the respondent no. 2 (i), the Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture is directed to examine the proposal of the applicant for an employment under compassionate ground and dispose of the same after taking a decision as per Rules within a period of 3 (three) months from the date of communication of this order. Copy of such order be communicated to the applicant within 2 (two) weeks thereof.

Accordingly, this application is **disposed of.**

CSM/SS

SAYEED AHMED BABA
Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)