

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 382 of 2024.

ETIKANA KARMAKAR - VERSUS- THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No. and
Date of order

02
08.01.2025

For the Applicant : Mrs. S. Das,
Advocate.

For the State Respondents : None.

For the Principal Accountant General : Mr. B. Mitra,
(A & E) W.B. Departmental Representative.

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.

Affidavit of service filed today be kept on record.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the respondent authorities to sanction family pension to the applicant who is the widow daughter of the deceased employee, Gopal Chandra Patra. A representation was filed by this applicant before the Block Development Officer, Bagdah Development Block, Bagdah, North 24-Parganas dated 22.07.2024.

The Tribunal finds that despite being the respondent authority, the Block Development Officer, Bagdah Development Block, Bagdah, North 24-Parganas, - the respondent no. 6 has not responded to the application filed before this Tribunal. In this matter of sanction of family pension, the applicant – Etikana Karmakar, being the widowed daughter of the deceased employee, Gopal Chandra Patra, ex-operator attached to the office of Block Development Officer, Bagdah had furnished a representation praying for family pension. The said Block Development Officer was required to take cognizance of the representation and initiate suitable action for processing family pension as per Rules in favour of the applicant, if she was found to be eligible. Since the Block Development Officer, Bagdah

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Development Block, Bagdah, North 24-Parganas, - the respondent no. 6 is not responding, a direction is given to respondent no. 5- the District Magistrate, North 24-Parganas to instruct the Block Development Officer, Bagdah Development Block, Bagdah, North 24-Parganas to consider the representation of the applicant filed on 22.7.2024 before him.

Let a copy of this application along with copy of the representation to the Block Development Officer, Bagdah along with today's copy of the order be served upon the District Magistrate, North 24-Parganas. The District Magistrate, North 24-Parganas once he receives all these documents shall direct the Block Development Officer, Bagdah to initiate suitable action into the prayer of the applicant praying for family pension as per Rules.

The Block Development Officer, Bagdah Development Block, Bagdah, North 24-Parganas, - the respondent no. 6 is directed to initiate the process of sanctioning of family pension to the applicant as per Rules, if found eligible within three months from the date of instruction communicated by the District Magistrate, North 24-Parganas to him.

With the above observation, this application is disposed of.

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

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