

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 – 416 of 2020

Lakshmi Rani Das Chattaraj - Vs - The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and

Date of order

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01.09.2025

For the Applicant

: Mr. A. Pradhan,
Learned Advocate.

For the State :
Respondents

Mr. G.P. Banerjee,
Learned Advocate.

For the Pr. A.G.W.B.

Mr. B. Mitra.

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.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the respondent authorities to disburse the Family Pension, Gratuity, leave salary and other retiral benefits to the applicant, Lakshmi Rani Das Chattaraj. This Tribunal had earlier heard similar prayer from one Soma Chattaraj @ Soma Karmakar who had also claimed to be the wife of the deceased employee, Sankari Prasad Chattaraj. From the submissions and the records it has become clear that the deceased employee, Sankari Prasad Chattaraj had two marriages in his life time, one with Soma Chjattaraj @ Soma Karmakar & another with this applicant, Lakshmi Rani Das Chattaraj. The earlier applicant, Soma Chattaraj was the applicant in OA-195 of 2023. The Tribunal had observed that the core issue to be decided first is matrimonial and legal heir ship arising out of the deceased employee. The Tribunal in the order dated 21.12.2023 in OA-195 of 2023 observed the following :-

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“Since this Tribunal is not the competent authority to decide about such matters, this matter is disposed of without passing orders giving liberty to approach the appropriate forum”.

Since this matter is also related to the earlier application, the Tribunal does not want to interfere, being a subject outside its jurisdiction.

With the above observation, this application is disposed of without passing any orders.

(SAYEED AHMED BABA)

OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER (A)

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