ORDER SHEET

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. - <u>OA 430 OF 2023</u>

BIFALA PAL - Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS

Serial No. and Date of order

For the Applicant : Mrs. Sunita Agarwal

Mr.Sourav Bhattacharjee

Advocates

 $\frac{03}{18.12.2023}$

For the State Respondents : Mr. Gourav Haldar

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 counsels for the contesting parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

The applicant has prayed for a direction to the respondent authorities to consider her prayer for employment under compassionate ground. From the submissions of the learned counsels and the documents, it appears that the applicant's father, Netai Chandra Paul, a Krishi Shramik died in harness on 20.01.2002. Since the applicant at that time was a minor, her mother applied in a plain paper for such employment on 20.05.2002 on behalf of her daughter before the Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer, Sadar, Cooch Behar. Such application filled in the prescribed proforma was forwarded by the Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer, Sadar, Cooch Behar to the Principal Agricultural Officer, Cooch Behar for suitable action on 21.05.2002.

Submission of Mr.S.Bhattacharjee, learned counsel for the applicant is that though her application was received and forwarded to the Principal Agricultural Officer, but till date neither such an

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employment has been offered nor any intimation given regarding the status of her application.

Appearing on behalf of the respondents, Mr.G.Haldar, learned counsel opposes admission of this application on the ground of limitation.

Heard the learned counsels. The matter is admitted.

Let the respondent No. 2(v) the Principal Agricultural Officer, Cooch Behar file a report as to what action was taken to the application sent by the Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer, Cooch Behar to him on 21.05.2002 by the next date.

Let the matter appear under the heading 'Hearing' on $3^{\rm rd}$ April, 2024.

(SAYEED AHMED BABA)
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER (A)

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