

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- 457 of 2022

Rohan Dutta -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and
Date of order

For the Applicant : Mr. I. Roy,
Ld. Advocate.
For the State Respondents : Mr. G. Halder,
Ld. Advocate.

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18.06.2024

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 expedite the process of offering employment under compassionate ground. Submission is that though the application was submitted in the year 2015 but till date, no response has been received from the respondents. Against an RTI application, the applicant was informed that his application is under process.

One Anjana Dutta (Maitra), mother of the applicant was an employee of the Department of Agriculture and died-in-harness serving as a Lower Division Clerk in the Agriculture Officer of Bishnupur, District – Bankura on 18.03.2010. After her death, this applicant had furnished several representations before the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Admn.), Bishnupur for favouring him an employment under compassionate ground. The last such representation was furnished on 09.03.2022 before the Assistant Director of Agriculture (Admn.), a copy of which was endorsed to the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admn). Earlier a copy of representation dated 14.08.2021 was also endorsed to the Director of Agriculture & Ex-Officio Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

Since the RTI reply by the Assistant Director of Agriculture, Bishnupur dated 20.01.2022 informs that his application is under process, the learned counsel for the applicant submits that it would suffice if a direction is given to the concerned respondent to expedite consideration of the application.

Mr. Halder, learned counsel for the State respondents agrees that if such a direction is given, the same will be complied by the respondent authority.

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Having heard the submissions and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the respondent no. 3, the Director of Agriculture & Ex-Officio Secretary, Department of Agriculture is directed to consider and take a final decision as per rules in his application for an employment under compassionate ground within a period of three (03) from the date of communication of this order. Let a copy of the decision taken be served upon the applicant within two (02) weeks thereof.

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

SAYEED AHMED BABA
Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)

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