

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. –OA-505 of 2023

Firoja Khatun - Vs - The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and
Date of order

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03.10.2023

For the Applicant : Mr. B. Roy,
Learned Advocate.
For the State Respondents : Mr. G.P. Banerjee,
Learned 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, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

The applicant has prayed for a direction to the respondent authorities to issue her appointment letter to the post of Lady Constable. From the submissions of the learned counsels. It appears that the applicant was not able to produce the revalidated/renewed OBC certificate during the interview. The applicant belongs to OBC-A category and was shortlisted for the interview.

Mr. Banerjee, learned counsel informs that during the interview, the applicant could not submit such revalidated/renewed OBC-A certificate from the competent authority and, therefore, her candidature was not considered.

In response, Mr. Roy learned counsel for the applicant submits that though a soft copy available in the applicant's mobile phone was shown but it was not accepted.

After hearing the submissions of the learned counsels, the

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Tribunal is of the view that the applicant was well aware of the stipulations of the advertisement, in particular Note (ii) in which it was stated that the applicant was to furnish her revalidated/renewed OBC-A certificate at the time of interview. Though she was shortlisted for such an interview but a hard copy, as was required, was not submitted. The Tribunal is not satisfied showing a soft copy would have sufficed. The question is whether a hard copy, as a valid document of her revalidated/renewed OBC-A certificate was submitted and accepted by the respondent authority at the time of interview or not. The Tribunal has come to the conclusion that no such certificate was submitted as required by the stipulation contained in the advertisement. Therefore, the respondent authority was right in rejecting her candidature.

Accordingly, this application is disposed of without any orders.

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

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