

**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 531 OF 2023**

**DR. SOMA SARKAR - Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS.**

Serial No. and  
Date of order

For the Applicant : Sk. Jayed Hossain  
Advocate

01  
04.10.2023

For the State Respondents : Mr.Ranjit Kumar Mondal  
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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Affidavit of service filed today be kept on record.

The applicant has prayed for a direction to the respondent authority to grant her House Rent Allowance from the month of January, 2023. Submission of Sk.J.Hossain, learned counsel for the applicant is that such House Rent Allowance was stopped without any reason from the month of January, 2023. The applicant works as a Medical Officer and presently posted at Khejurberia Rural Hospital, Purba Medinipur.

Responding on behalf of the respondents, Mr.R.K.Mondal, informs that since her husband is also in the service and drawing House Rent Allowance, as required by rules, such House Rent Allowance can be sanctioned only after concurrence of the Finance Department. In this regard, B.M.O.H. Khejurberia had asked the applicant to submit certain relevant documents for processing her House Rent Allowance. Once all these documents are submitted, a proposal will be submitted for approval of the Finance Department through proper channel.

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In response, Sk.Hossain submits that all the relevant documents as asked for have already been submitted by the applicant.

Considering that the approval of the Finance Department is required for sanction of the applicant's House Rent Allowance and the same is being processed by the respondent, the Tribunal directs the respondent No. 3, the Block Medical Officer of Health, to submit the proposal for approval of the competent authority, if she is entitled by rule and after being satisfied with the documents within a period of twelve weeks from the date of submission of the documents by the applicant.

Accordingly, the application is disposed of.

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

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