

ORDER SHEET

WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

The Hon'ble Mrs. Urmita Datta (Sen), Officiating Chairperson & Member (J)

Case No. – OA 557 of 2022

Subodh Chandra Barua -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and
Date of order
02
29.09.2022

For the Applicant : Mr. D. Das,
Ld. Advocate.
For the State Respondent : Mr. S.N. Ray,
Ld. Advocate.

The matter is taken up by the Single Bench pursuant to the order contained in the Notification No. 536-WBAT/2J-15/2016 dated 26th August, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5(6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

Affidavit of service filed today be kept on record.

The instant application has been filed basically praying for enhancement of remuneration as per Memo. No. 1107-F(P) dated 25.02.2016 (Annexure-G) as well as Memorandum No. 3998-F(P₂) dated 15.07.2019 (Annexure-H) issued by the Finance Department, Government of West Bengal. It has been submitted by the applicant that he was engaged in the year 1995 as a Casual Motor Driver being selected as a candidate on daily wages basis vide Memo. No. 651(7)/E dated 25.07.1995 and till date is working as a Casual Motor Drive in a Group-C post. However, the applicant is getting remuneration of Rs.11,000/- only per month. Therefore, he has prayed for enhancement of his remuneration as per the aforementioned Circulars. The applicant has also submitted that he has been working for more than twenty years, which has been endorsed by the Department as would be evident from Annexure-J. He has further submitted that he has made a representation on 07.07.2021. However, till date his remuneration has not been enhanced and his representation is still pending before the authority.

During the course of the hearing, the counsel for the applicant has submitted that it would suffice his purpose, if the Finance Secretary would be directed to consider his representation treating this OA as a part of it and direct him to make payment of his enhanced remuneration as per the Circulars dated 25.02.2016 and 15.07.2019 respectively.

The counsel for the respondents has no objection. In view of the above, the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance is directed to consider

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this OA as his representation and communicate his decision by way of a reasoned and speaking order and if he would be found eligible, to make payment thereof within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the order.

Accordingly, the OA is disposed of with the above observations and directions with no order as to costs.

URMITA DATTA (SEN)
Officiating Chairperson & Member (J)

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