

ORDER SHEET

WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

The Hon'ble Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Administrative Member

Case No. – OA 558 of 2021

ARUNABHA PAUL – VERSUS- THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No.
and
Date of
order

For the Applicant : Mr. Sekhar Mustaphi,
Advocate

For the State Respondents : Mr. Gautam Pathak Banerjee,
Advocate

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Mr. Sekhar Mustaphi, learned advocate for the applicant submits that a representation dated 8th February, 2021 was submitted before the Principal Secretary, Food and Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal regarding revocation of the rejection order issued on 28th December, 2020.

Mr. Gautam Pathak Banerjee, learned advocate for the State respondents submits that this is a rare case where a compassionate employment was offered to the applicant, but due to reasons best known to him, he declined to accept the offer and to join the post. The very purpose of offering a compassionate employment by the Government is to mitigate the economic hardship suffered by the deceased family after death of the deceased family member. In this case, Mr. Banerjee submits that a compassionate employment was offered but declined to be accepted by the applicant. Therefore, there is no valid ground for directing the respondents to reconsider an offer of employment again.

SCN. After hearing both the learned advocates, in my opinion since after the rejection letter issued by the Joint Secretary, the applicant has ventilated his grievance and appealed to the Principal Secretary, who is the head of the Department, as the appellate authority, therefore, his representation should be considered and disposed of as per merit within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order and the same should be communicated to the applicant within a period of two weeks thereafter. Accordingly, the matter is disposed of.

(SAYEED AHMED BABA)
MEMBER (A)