<u>order sheet</u> 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. - <u>OA 572 OF 2024</u>

DR. ANIRUDDHA BANERJEE		- Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS.		
Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	:	Mr.A.Nandi	
03		-	Advocate	
20.01.2025	For the State Respondents	:	Mr.Soumendra Narayan Roy Advocate	AA

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 for the contesting parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

By filing this application, the applicant has prayed for a direction upon the Respondent authorities to allow him to proceed on study leave for a period of two years. The first such prayer made by the applicant was regretted on the ground that he had not completed the minimum years of service. Thereafter, he furnished similar representation for study leave addressed to the Additional Chief Secretary dated 27.10.2021. The Director had asked the Deputy Director, Alipurduar to reply whether the applicant, Dr. Banerjee can be spared for two years. In reply to the Director, the Deputy Director in his first memo. dated 24.6.2022 did not recommend due to shortage of veterinary officials. But, later by memo. 225 dated 29.2.2024, the same Deputy Director of Alipurduar opines that the applicant, Dr. Banerjee can now be spared for two years to pursue study leave since one Dr. Sk. Akib Javed has joined the post of Veterinary Officer. The Director raised again following two questions:-

1. From which sessions does Dr. Banerjee like to go for study

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leave as the upcoming session has already been gone,

2. Service particulars of Dr. Aniruddha Banerjee.

The above questions were responded by the applicant and forwarded by his Deputy Director to the Director by memo. 517 dated 10.5.2024.

Since the Respondent authority has neither considered nor communicated its decision to the applicant, the Respondent. No. 5, the Director of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services is directed to consider and take the final decision on the proposal for grant of study leave to the applicant to undergo Ph.D degree program from the Department of Veterinary Pathology, West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences as per rules. Such decision be taken within three weeks from the date of communication of this order and such decision be communicated to the applicant within one week thereof. The application is disposed of.

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

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