

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- 584 of 2023

Amitava Bandyopadhyay - Vs - The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and
Date of order

For the Applicant : Ms. Raj Lakshmi Shaw,
Learned Advocate.

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24.09.2024.

For the State Respondents : Mr. Shaon Bhattacharya,
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.

Submission of Ms. Shaw, learned counsel for the applicant is that in a similar matter OA-583 of 2023, the respondent authorities after accepting the fact that the applicant was getting lesser pay has submitted a proposal for approval of higher pay scale to the Finance Department. Submission is that in this matter, being also similar, the respondent authority may be directed to send the proposal before the Finance Department for approval of higher pay scale as per ROPA-2009.

Though, a direction was given to the respondent authorities through Mr. Shaon Bhattacharya, learned counsel for filing a reply but till date neither any reply has been filed nor any status of the case has been orally submitted before this Tribunal. Only after advice of this Tribunal, Mr. Bhattacharya could manage to talk to the Law Officer of the Deptt. and the status was known. Mr. Bhattacharya has submitted that as instructed by the respondent authorities, this case has also merit, similar to Tapati Chatterjee in OA-583 of 2023. Since it has become known to the Tribunal that like Tapati Chatterjee in OA-583 of 2023, the applicant in this application also has merit in his prayers, it is therefore, the direction of this Tribunal to the Special Secretary, Department of Disaster Management and Civil Defence to submit a proposal similar to Tapati Chatterjee in OA-583 of 2023 for approval of the Finance Deptt.

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applicant is otherwise entitled.

Liberty is given to the applicant's side to amend the Respondent No. (E) as Special Secretary. Let copy of this order be served upon Respondent No. (E), the Special Secretary, Civil Defence Deptt. by the learned counsels for the applicant and also the state respondents.

Let the matter appear under the heading **Hearing on 05.02.2025.**

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

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