

**ORDER SHEET**  
**WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL**  
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

**Present-**

**The Hon'ble Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)**

**Case No. – OA 653 of 2024**

**Nishat Alam & Another -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Serial No. and  
Date of order

For the Applicants : Ms. Riya Das,  
Ld. Advocate.

For the State Respondents : Mr. G.P. Banerjee,  
Ld. Advocate.

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28.08.2025

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.

The applicants have filed this application praying for a direction upon the respondent authorities to sanction and release the family pension and other death benefits accruing from their mother, Nilufar Sultana, the deceased employee.

From the records in this application, the Tribunal finds that Nilufar Sultana, the employee had expired on 20.08.2023 holding a post of LDC in the office of the District Magistrate & Collector, Murshidabad. A copy of memo no. 1302 dated 12.10.2023 issued by the District Magistrate & Collector, Murshidabad certifies that the deceased employee was a “bonafide Govt. employee” of the Collectorate, Murshidabad. This certificate also records that both Nishaat Alam and Afeef Alam are the unmarried daughter and son respectively of the deceased employee, Nilufar Sultana.

Ms. Das, learned counsel submits that despite knowledge of death of the employee and despite submission of several representations, the office of the District Magistrate & Collector, Murshidabad is sitting tight and not willing to sanction and release the family pension and other death benefits to the applicants.

Attention has been drawn copies of several representations made by the applicants before the District Magistrate & Collector, Murshidabad, the last such representation is dated 26.11.2024.

Mr. Banerjee, learned counsel questions the validity of the Talak Divorce paper.

The Tribunal does not find the questioning of the legality of

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the divorce paper as relevant in this matter where prayer is for release of family pension.

Having heard the submissions of the learned counsels and after examining the records, this application is disposed of by directing the respondent no. 2, the District Magistrate & Collector, Murshidabad to consider the prayer of the applicants for release of family pension and other death benefits as per rules within a period of three (03) months from the date of communication of this order and communicate the decision to the applicants within two (02) weeks thereafter.

In view of the above, this application is **disposed of**.

**SAYEED AHMED BABA**  
**Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)**

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