

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 743 OF 2023**

SANTIPADA MANNA DAS - Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS.

Serial No. and

Date of order

For the Applicant : Mr.M.K.Das
Advocate

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06.02.2024

For the State Respondents : None

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.

Learned counsel for the applicant has pressed for a prayer 8 (b) in this application, being the direction to the respondents to give enhanced remuneration to the applicant as per Notification No. 3998-F(P2) dated 15.07.2019. Submission is that the applicant has been working for more than 20 years as a Sweeper-cum-Cleaner and is thus eligible to be covered under the said Notification. This Notification allows enhanced remuneration of Rs. 22,000/- to those contractual/ casual/ piece-rated/ daily rated workers who have been working for at least 240 days in a year. Apart from this enhanced remuneration, such workers may remain engaged in the same capacity till the age of 60 years. Submission of Mr. M.K.Das is that, being eligible for such benefits under this Notification, the applicant had furnished a representation before the Agriculture Development Officer, Bhawanpur-1 Block, Kajlagarh, Purba Medinipur on 28.03.2023 followed by remainder on 19.07.2023.

Mr.Das also draws attention to a Memo. No. 2892 dated 28.07.2023 which appears to be a correspondence from the Department to the Director of Agriculture for taking suitable action regarding the

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representation of the applicant. Final submission is that the respondent authority may be directed to consider the representation for enhanced remuneration as per his representation in the light of the advise communicated by the Department.

Having heard the submissions of the learned counsels, this application is disposed of by directing the Director of Agriculture and Ex-Officio Secretary, the respondent No. 3 to consider the representation under the Notification No. No. 3998-F(P2) dated 15.07.2019, if found eligible within a period of three months from the date of communication of this order.

Accordingly, the application is disposed of.

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

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