## 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 76 of 2020

Saroj Kr. Banerjee & Others -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and Date of order

For the Applicants : Mr. M. Karim,

Ld. Advocate.

For the State Respondents

: Mrs. S. Agarwal,

Ld. Advocate.

 $\frac{17}{11.03.2025}$ 

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, since retired, have prayed in this application for a direction to the respondent authorities to give them notional promotion to the post of Assistant Evaluation Officer with effect from the date they became eligible for such post. The applicants had superannuated during 2016-2019 holding posts like Statistical Supervisor, Field Supervisor and Statistical Assistant. Mr. Karim, learned counsel submits that though the applicants became eligible for promotion to the post of Assistant Evaluation Officer, but due to pendency of the application being OA-1532 of 2013, the Department was not in a position to give effect to the promotion to the applicants. Mr. Karim also narrates that when the OA-1532 of 2013 was finally disposed of in 2019, by then, the applicant had already superannuated.

Mr. Karim presents a copy of the order in OA 100 of 2018 of this Tribunal and submits that in terms of a direction of this Tribunal, the respondent authorities considered the representation of Debasish Bandyopadhyay, the applicant in that application and granted promotion notionally. Submission is that the applicants in this application are also similar circumstanced and the similar direction as in OA 100 of 2018 may be given by the Tribunal.

Mrs. Agarwal, learned counsel does not object if such a direction is given to the respondent authorities to consider their representations.

Having heard the submissions of the learned counsels and

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considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this application is disposed of by directing the respondent no. 1, the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Agriculture to consider the representations dated 03.04.2019 filed by the applicants before him and to consider the prayers for notional promotion as per rules within a period of three (03) months from the date of communication of this order and copy of such order be communicated to the applicants within two (02) weeks thereof.

Accordingly, this application is disposed of.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)

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