

**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 820 OF 2022**

**CHANDAN CHATTERJEE - Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS.**

Serial No. and  
Date of order

06  
30.07.2024

For the Applicant	:	Mr.Gourav Halдар Advocate
For the State respondents	:	Mr.A.K.Das Sinha 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the respondent authorities to appoint the applicant to the post of Pharmacist, Grade-III. My attention has been drawn to page No. 89 and 90 which appears to be the panel list (Unreserved) in which at page No. 90 serial No. 804, the name of Chandan Chatterjee appears. The panel dated 01.10.2019 was signed by the Chairman and Secretary & Controller of Examinations, West Bengal Health Recruitment Board on 28.09.2022. Further attention is drawn to page No. 103 of this application in which a panel of Pharmacist, Grade-III dated 21.10.2022 is signed by the Secretary & Controller of Examination. By this notice, it was informed that as decided in the Board meeting dated 20.10.2022, the category wise panel and overall performance of all eligible candidates including those who are selected in the panel, published on 29.09.2022 is temporarily withheld. Mr.Haldar, learned counsel for the applicant submits that it has been almost two years since such a decision to withhold the panel and the respondent authorities are yet to take the final decision relating to

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appointment of the candidates in the panel. Mr.Das Sinha, learned counsel for the respondent authorities is not in a position to respond whether such temporary suspension of the panel will be lifted soon or not.

It is purely an administrative matter and discretion of the authority whether such panel is to be released for further necessary action or it should be cancelled. However, the Tribunal is also aware that the Board cannot keep such decision deferred without coming to any decision.

Having heard the submissions of the learned counsels and considering the facts and circumstances of this case, the respondent No. 4, Secretary and Controller of Examination, West Bengal Health Recruitment Board is directed to take the final decision within 60 (sixty) days from today regarding fate of this panel and display the same in public domain for information of all the candidates whose names appear in such panel. The application is disposed of.

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

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