

**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- 833 of 2022**

**Soumen Kumar Sadhukhan & Ors. VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Serial No. and Date of order For the Applicant : Mr. K. Mondal  
Learned Advocate.

For the State Respondents : Mr. M.N. Roy,  
Learned Advocate.

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22.08.2023

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, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

Mr. Mondal, learned counsel for the applicant submits that this application may be disposed of with a direction to the respondent authorities to conclude their Departmental Proceedings expeditiously.

Mr. Roy, learned counsel for the respondent submits that if such a direction is given, the respondent authorities will comply as per the rules.

The applicants side is not pressing for the prayers in the application which was for quashing the entire Departmental Proceedings but instead submits for a direction to conclude the proceedings at the earliest stage.

After hearing the prayer of Mr. Mondal, this application is disposed of by directing the Respondent No. 2, Excise Commissioner to conclude the Departmental Proceedings against the applicants within a period of six months from the date of communication of this order. The applicants are also directed to cooperate with the respondent authorities during the Departmental Proceedings. The matter is accordingly disposed of.

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