

WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

The Hon'ble Justice Soumitra Pal, Chairman

Case No. – OA 836 OF 2019.

Subodh Chandra Das. - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	: Mrs. S. Mitra, Advocate.
<u>5</u> 10.2.2021	For the State Respondents	: Mr. G. P. Banerjee, Advocate.

The matter is taken up by the single Bench pursuant to the Notification No. 949-WBAT/2J-15/2016 dated 24th December, 2020 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under sub section (6) of section 5 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

Let affidavit of service filed today be kept on record.

In this application, Subodh Chandra Das, the applicant, has prayed for several reliefs, the relevant portion of which is as under :

“a. A direction upon the respondent authorities be issued directing them to take steps for filling up the post of Deputy Director of Archives, Directorate of Archives in accordance with the recruitment rules.

b. A direction upon the respondent authorities be issued directing the respondent authorities to consider the case of promotion of the applicant to the post of to Deputy Director of Archives in accordance with the recruitment rules.”

It appears that the applicant on 15th October, 1990 had joined as an Assistant Archivist at the State Archives of West Bengal. He was promoted to the post of Archivist on 9th July, 2002. Subsequently, he was promoted to the post of Chief Archivist on 6th August, 2004. On 3rd January, 2007, he was promoted to the post of Assistant Director. It is submitted that though the applicant is entitled to be promoted to the

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post of Deputy Director of Archives in the Directorate of Archives, however, no steps have been taken for promoting him to the said post.

Mrs. S. Mitra, learned advocate appearing on behalf of the applicant submits that since the applicant is eligible to be promoted to the post of Deputy Director of Archives, appropriate order may be passed.

Mr. G. P. Banerjee, learned advocate appearing on behalf of the State respondents submits, on written instruction, that the applicant is a Group 'A' officer of the Directorate. The promotional file of the applicant along with other Group 'A' officers has been approved after being vetted by the Public Service Commission, West Bengal. Submission is the desired promotion of the applicant will be ensured and promotional benefits will be given to the applicant along with all other officers without any undue delay. Let a copy of the written instruction on behalf of the State respondents be kept on record.

Heard learned advocates for the parties. Since it is submitted on behalf of the State respondents that the promotional file of the applicant, who is a Group 'A' officer, has been approved after getting the approval of the Public Service Commission and the applicant is going to get the promotional benefits without any delay, I trust and hope that the instruction given by the State respondents will be carried out in its letter and spirit at an early date.

(SOUMITRA PAL)
CHAIRMAN

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