

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-886 of 2019

Jahangir Ali & Ors. - Vs - The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and
Date of order

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20.03.2025

For the Applicant : Mr. K. Basu,
Mr. A. Choudhury,
Mrs. S. Mitra,
Learned Advocates.

For the State Respondents : Mr. G.P. Banerjee,
Learned 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 23rd November, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 (6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

In terms of a direction of this Tribunal on 19.11.2024, Mr. Banerjee, learned counsel files a copy of category wise merit list of provisional selected candidates for recruitment to the post of Constables in West Bengal Police.

After examination of the records, the Tribunal finds that 10% of reservation was made for the Civic Volunteers for the post of Constables in West Bengal Police in terms of the advertisement at para (iv). Given the number of vacancies in the same advertisement for all the categories is 5702, the Tribunal assumes that 10% of reservation for Civic Volunteers would come to 570. In an R.T.I. reply enclosed in this application, the Police Recruitment Board replied to one of the candidates, Kalimuddin Sk. for “a total of 146 Civic Volunteers candidates in all categories were shortlisted for interview and 97 candidates were provisionally selected”. From this, it appears that only 97 candidates under the 10% reservation for Civic Volunteers were recommended. Similarly, in the reply filed by the State appearing at page 5, it is stated that a total of 97 Civic Volunteers were recommended for this post. From these two figures, the Tribunal finds that the Board

did not recommend all 570 candidates under the category of Civic Volunteers. Therefore, the Tribunal directs the respondent authority, the Police Recruitment Board to respond to the following points :-

- a) How many seats were kept reserved for the candidates belonging to Civic Volunteers under 10% horizontal reservation. Such reservation for Civic Volunteers be shown horizontally, category wise.
- b) If the Board did not recommend all the 10% of the candidates belonging to Civic Volunteers, then reasons may be given.

Let such clarifications from the West Bengal Police Recruitment Board be filed before this Tribunal and let the matter appear under the heading **Hearing on 05.05.2025.**

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