ORDER SHEET West Bengal Administrative Tribunal

Present.-

The Hon'ble Justice Ranjit Kumar Bag

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The Hon'ble Dr. Subesh Kumar Das

Case No. <u>OA - 531 of 2018</u>

| Subhadra Sanyal (Mukherjee) Versus The State of W | | est Bengal & Others |
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| 01 28/08/2018 | For the Applicant:Mr. S. K. Mondal, Learned Advocate. | |
| | For the State Respondents : NONE. | |
| | The applicant has prayed for direction upon the | |
| | respondents to give her higher scale of pay for | |
| | improvement of her qualification in terms of G.O. | |
| | dated September 23, 1991 issued by the Deputy | |
| | Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, | |
| | Department of Education, Appointment (School | |
| | Education) Branch. | |
| | The applicant was appointed to the post of | |
| | Home Science Mistress at Jalpaiguri Government | |
| | Girls' High School on the basis of recommendation of | |
| | P.S.C., W.B in the fixed pay of Rs. 1420/- and | |
| | allowances admissible under the Rules by order | |
| | dated January 31, 1997 issued by the Director of | |
| | School Education, Government of West Bengal. The | |
| | contention of the applicant is that the applicant | |
| | obtained Master Degree in Home Science (Food and | |
| | Nutrition) from the University of Calcutta in the year | |
| | 1997. The grievance of the applicant is that she has | |
| | not been given higher pay scale for improved | |
| | educational qualification in the subject relevant to the | |

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| | post on the basis of G.O. dated September 23, 1991. | | | |
| | None appears on behalf of the state | | | |
| | respondents in spite of service of notice as reflected | | | |
| | from the affidavit of service filed on behalf of the | | | |
| | applicant. Mr. Mondal, Learned Counsel for the | | | |
| | applicant has relied on the unreported case of "State | | | |
| | of West Bengal & Another V. Rekha (Saha) Sarkar & | | | |
| | Others" (W.P.S.T No. 230 of 2015 decided on January | | | |
| | 29, 2016) in support of his contention that the | | | |
| | applicant is entitled to higher pay scale for obtaining | | | |
| | Master Degree in Home Science (Food and Nutrition) | | | |
| | after entering in the service. | | | |
| | On perusal of the Judgment delivered by the | | | |
| | Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta in | | | |
| | "State of West Bengal & Another V. Rekha (Saha) | | | |
| | Sarkar & Others" (Supra), we find that Hon'ble High | | | |
| | Court dealt with the case of a Teacher who joined in | | | |
| | the post of Drawing Mistress after acquiring Master | | | |
| | Degree in Painting. The Division Bench of the Hon'ble | | | |
| | High Court considered the G.O. dated September 23, | | | |
| | 1991 and held that the said Teacher having obtained | | | |
| | Master Degree in Painting is entitled to higher pay | | | |
| | sale. | | | |
| | By following the above decision of the Hon'ble | | | |
| | High Court at Calcutta, we direct the respondent | | | |
| | no.1, the Principal Secretary to the Government of | | | |

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| | West Bengal, Department of School Education to pass | |
| | a reasoned order in connection with entitlement of the | |
| | applicant to get higher pay scale for improvement of | |
| | education qualification in terms of G.O. dated | |
| | September 23, 1991 issued by the Deputy Secretary | |
| | to the Government of West Bengal, Department of | |
| | Education, Appointment (School Education) Branch | |
| | and in accordance with the Judgment delivered by | |
| | the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court in | |
| | W.P.S.T. no. 230 of 2015 (Supra) within a period of | |
| | eight weeks from the date of communication of this | |
| | order and to intimate the applicant about the same | |
| | within a period of two weeks thereafter. | |
| | With the above direction, the original | |
| | application stands disposed of. | |
| | The applicant is directed to serve copy of this | |
| | order and copy of the original application along with | |
| | annexures on the respondent no. 1 by Speed Post | |
| | within a period of two weeks from this date. | |
| | Let a plain copy of the order be supplied to the | |
| | applicant on urgent basis free of cost. | |
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| | S. K. DAS R. K. BAG MEMBER(A) MEMBER(J) | |
| Rajat | | |

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