ORDER SHEET WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Present-

The Hon'ble Mrs. Urmita Datta (Sen), Member (J) & The Hon'ble Mr. P. Ramesh Kumar, Member (A).

OA-504 of 2016

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<u>15</u> 27.11.2019	For the petitioners : Mr. M.N. Roy, Mr. G. Halder, Learned Advocates.	
	For the respondent : Mr. A. De, Ms. R. Sarkar, Departmental Representatives.	
	The instant application has been	
	filed basically praying for following relief :-	
	a) An order do issue thereby setting	
	aside/cancel/quash/rescind/	
	revoke the entire Departmental	
	Proceeding, Memorandum No.	
	7746-A & P/3A-4/07 dated,	
	Kolkata, the 15 th November, 2011	
	being the Charge Sheet, and the	
	Final Order of Punishment vide	
	Order No. 3518-A&P/3A-04/07	
	dated 23.07.2015, and enquiry	
	report if any immediately as the	
	same has been done in violation of	
	the principles of natural justice	
	and procedural norms.	
Page /1	b) An order do issue thereby setting	

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1 	 aside/cancel/quash/rescind/revo ke the Departmental proceeding, Memorandum Departmental Proceeding, Memorandum No. 7746-A&P/3A-04/07 dated, Kolkata, the 15th November, 2011 being the Charge Sheet, and the Final Order of Punishment vide Order No. 3518-A&P/3A-04/07 dated 23.07.2015 and enquiry report if any immediately as the same has been done in violation of the Principles of Natural Justice and procedural norms and to give your applicant all consequential benefits arising thereto. c) A further order do issue directing the respondent authorities to transmit records pertaining to the instant case so that conscionably justice can be done. d) Any other appropriate 	3
Page /2	order/orders direction/directions	

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<u>15</u> 27.11.2019	fit and proper to protect the right	
	of the applicant and in the ends of	
	justice.	
	As per the applicant he was served with	
	a charge sheet dated 15.11.2011 along with the	
	relied upon documents. Subsequently one	
	enquiry officer appointed and enquiry was	
	conducted wherein the applicant had	
	participated, however, without supply of any	
	enquiry report or second show cause notice	
	even without advice of P.S.C., has imposed	
	punishment in the following manner :-	
	a) Censure for the year 2003-	
	2004;	
	b) Stoppage of 2 (two)	
	increments with	
	cumulative effect.	
	Being aggrieved with, applicant has filed	
	this instant application.	
Page /3	As per the applicant, the punishment	

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<u>15</u> 21.11.2019	order was illegal as neither any enquiry report or advice of P.S.C. was served upon him before imposing of penalty. Even the disciplinary authority has imposed punishment which would have future effect in pension in the guise of minor punishment has imposed such punishment which has future effect of getting the pensionary benefits of the applicant. Therefore, counsel for the applicant has prayed for quashing of the disciplinary authority's order dated 23.07.2015.	
	The Departmental Representatives of the Respondents have submitted that as per Rule 10 (12) of C.C.A. Rules, there is no such mandatory requirement to serve the enquiry report or advice of the P.S.C. before passing of any final order under Rule 8 (ii). Therefore, the disciplinary authority	
P/4	has rightly imposed punishment. Heard both the parties and perused the	

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15	record. It is noted that it is a admitted fact that	
21.11.2019	the applicant was not served with the enquiry	
	report and advice of P.S.C. before imposing of	
	penalty by the disciplinary authority.	
	From the above, it is noted that the	
	disciplinary authority has imposed the first	
	punishment as Censure for the year 2003-04,	
	and stoppage of two increments with	
	cumulative effect which obviously has a far	
	reaching effect on future pay and pensionary	
	benefits and thus amounts to major	
	punishment. The counsel for the applicant has	
	referred the following judgement of Managing	
	Director, ECIL, Hyderabad & Ors. Vs. B.	
	Karunakar & Ors. reported in (1993)4 Supreme	
	Court Cases 727, wherein the Hon'ble Apex	
	Court held inter alia :-	
	a) "Hence it has to be held that when	
	the enquiry officer is not the	
	disciplinary; the delinquent employee	
P/5	has a right to receive a copy of the	

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	enquiry officer's report before the	
15	disciplinary authority arrives at its	
27.11.2019	conclusions with regard to the guilt	
	or innocence of the employee with	
	regard to the charges levelled against	
	him. That right is a part of the	
	employee's right to defend himself	
	against the charges levelled against	
	him. A denial of the enquiry officer's	
	report before the disciplinary	
	authority takes its decision on the	
	charges, is a denial of reasonable	
	opportunity to the employee to prove	
	his innocence and is a breach of the	
	principles of natural justice.	
	b) Hence the incidental questions	
	raised above may be answered as	
	follows :-	
	i) Since the denial of the	
	report of the enquiry	
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	reasonable opportunity	
	and a breach of the	

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	principles of natural justice, it follows that the statutory rules, if any, which deny the report to the employee are against the principles of natural justice and, therefore, invalid. The delinquent employee will, therefore, be entitled to a copy of the report even if the statutory rules do not permit the furnishing of the report or are silent on the subjectIt	of parties when necessary
	amounts to an "unnatural expansion of natural justice" which in itself is antithetical to	
P/7	justice." Thus, it is a settled principle of law that non supply of enquiry report and advice of	

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15	P.S.C., on the basis of which penalty has been	
27.11.2015	imposed. Further, the effect of the penalty	
	imposed for stoppage of increments with	
	cumulative effect is also having a effect of major	
	punishment as it would effect his future pay	
	and pension.	
	Therefore, we quash and set aside the	
	disciplinary authority's order dated 23.07.2015	
	with a direction to supply enquiry report and	
	advice of the P.S.C. and to Ppass a reasoned	
	and speaking order after granting opportunity	
	to the applicant for making representation if	
	any, on the basis of the enquiry report and	
	advise of the P.S.C. within a period of 12	
	(twelve) weeks from the date of receipt of this	
	order. Accordingly, OA is disposed of with the	
	above observation with no order as to costs.	
	P. RAMESH KUMAR URMITA DATTA (SEN) MEMBER (A) MEMBER (J)	
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