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WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Present-

**The Hon'ble Justice Ranjit Kumar Bag
& The Hon'ble Dr. Subesh Kumar Das**

Case No – OA 588 of 2019

Miss Bishakha Debi @ Debnath Vs The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and Date of order. 1	Order of the Tribunal with signature 2	Office action with date and dated signature of parties when necessary 3
02 <hr/> 26.09.2019	<p>For the Applicant : Mr. N.C. Mondal, Learned Advocate.</p> <p>For the Respondent : None.</p> <p>For the AG (A&E),WB : Mr. B. Mitra, Departmental Representative.</p> <p>The applicant has prayed for direction upon the respondents to grant her family pension w.e.f. March 4, 2017 along with arrears of family pension with interest @ 12% per annum from the date of entitlement till the date of actual payment of the amount.</p> <p>It appears from the materials on record that one Dr. Hari Narayan Debnath retired from the post of Assistant Director of School Education in the Director of School Education, Government of West Bengal. He received pension and died on June 11, 2014. The wife of deceased Hari Narayan Debnath got family pension, but she died on March 3, 2017. The applicant being the unmarried daughter of deceased pensioner and family pensioner submitted application for grant of family pension in her favour. The case of the applicant was processed by the Directorate of School Education</p>	

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and forwarded to the office of Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal. On May 8, 2018, Senior Accounts Officer of the respondent AG, West Bengal returned the case of the applicant to the Directorate of School Education raising some queries. The materials on record indicate that the Deputy Director of School Education (Admn.) gave reply to the letter dated May 8, 2018. However, the respondent AG, West Bengal subsequently made some observations and wanted further information from the Directorate of School Education by sending another letter dated September 10, 2018, whose response has not yet been received by the respondent AG, West Bengal.

Having heard Learned Counsel for the applicant and the Departmental Representative of the respondent AG, West Bengal, we find that the case of the applicant for grant of family pension could not be processed expeditiously for not getting response by the respondent AG, West Bengal from the Directorate of School Education.

In view of our above observation, we would like to give direction to the respondent no. 3 for giving response to the letter of the respondent AG, West Bengal dated September 10, 2018 and also other information, if any required for the purpose of grant of

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family pension in favour of the applicant within reasonable period of time.

Accordingly, we direct the respondent no. 3, Commissioner/Director of School Education, Government of West Bengal to take necessary steps for supply of information and relevant documents to the respondent AG, West Bengal in response to the letter dated September 10, 2018 within a period of 12 (twelve) weeks from the date of communication of the order, so that the respondent AG, West Bengal can take necessary action in connection with grant of family pension in favour of the applicant.

With the above direction, the original application is **disposed of**.

Let a plain copy of this order be supplied to both parties.

(S.K. DAS)
MEMBER(A)

(R. K. BAG)
MEMBER (J)

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