ORDER SHEET WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Present-

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

Case No - OA 97 OF 2020

Smt. Purnima Murmu & Ors. \underline{v}_s 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
	For the Applicants : None.	3
03 14.10.2020	For the Respondent : Mr. M. N. Roy, Learned Advocate.	
	None appears on behalf of the applicants. We have heard	
	Mr. M.N. Roy, Learned Counsel representing the state respondents.	
	The applicants have prayed for direction upon the respondents to release death benefits of the predecessor in	
	interest of the applicants Hatadhar Soren, who died on May 20,	
	1992. The applicants have approached this Tribunal on February	
	11, 2020 for disbursement of death benefits in favour of the legal	
	heirs of the deceased Government employee. Accordingly, the	
	present original application is apparently barred under section 21	
	of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 for approaching the	
	Tribunal after 18 years of arising of the cause of action. Moreover,	
	the applicants being nephew and nieces of the deceased	
	Government employee, do not fall within the ambit of "family" of the	
	deceased Government employee as defined in Section 7 of the	
	West Bengal Services (Death-cum-Retirement Benefit) Rules,	
	1971 for receiving death gratuity and family pension.	
	However, liberty is given to the applicants to file appropriate	
	application under section 21(3) of the Administrative Tribunals Act,	

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		elay of 18 years before the next date of	
	hearing.		
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	(S.K. DAS) MEMBER(A)	(R. K. BAG) MEMBER (J)	
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