

**ORDER SHEET****WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL****Present-**

The Hon'ble Justice Soumitra Pal (Chairman)  
& The Hon'ble Mr. Subesh Kumar Das (Administrative Member)

Case No –**OA 665 OF 2018**

**SANTANA BHATTACHARYA Vs The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

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<p>1</p> <hr/> <p>07.01.2019</p>	<p>For the Applicant : Miss. Lopamudra Moitra, Advocate</p> <p>For the Respondents: Mr. G.P. Banerjee, Advocate</p> <p>For the Principal Accountant : Mr. B. Mitra General(A&amp;E), West Bengal Departmental Representative</p> <p>Affidavit of service be kept on record. As prayed for, leave granted to the applicant to add Additional Chief Secretary, Food and Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal as a party respondent by amending the cause title in course of this day. Since Mr. G.P. Banerjee, learned advocate appearing on behalf of the State respondents accepts service of notice on behalf of the added respondent, no further copy of the application be served on the added respondent.</p> <p>In this application the applicant, - claiming to be the wife of Bhabani Prasad Bhattacharya, an employee of Food and Supplies Department, Ranaghat, Nadia and who has superannuated on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1997 and expired on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, – has prayed for a direction upon the respondents to grant family pension in her favour.</p>	

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	<p>It is submitted by Miss. Lopamudra Moitra, learned advocate for the applicant that since pursuant to the application dated 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 by her husband, as evident from page 19 of the application, on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 the Sub-Divisional Controller, Food and Supplies, Ranaghat, the respondent no.6 had recommended for grant of family pension to the applicant, appropriate order may be passed.</p> <p>Mr. Banerjee, referring to the memo dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016 addressed to the applicant, appearing at page 25 of the application, submits that since in the Single Comprehensive Form dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2000 maintained by the Department, Gouri Bhattacharya has been mentioned as the wife of Bhabani Prasad Bhattacharya and as on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, the Senior Accounts Officer of the Indian Audit and Accounts Department has sought certain clarifications for processing the application for grant of the pension and as till date the applicant is yet to reply, no order may be passed. Submission is that the department is ready to process the pension papers after reply to the memo is filed by the applicant.</p> <p>Mr. B. Mitra, the Departmental Representative on behalf of the Principal Accountant General (A&amp;E), West Bengal, the respondent no.4 adopts the submission of Mr. Banerjee.</p>	

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SCN.	<p>In reply it is submitted on behalf of the applicant that she has no knowledge about the whereabouts of Gouri Bhattacharya stated to be the wife of Bhabani Prasad Bhattacharya, the deceased government employee.</p> <p>Having heard Miss. Moitra, Mr. Banerjee and Mr. Mitra, as we find from the Single Comprehensive Form dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2000 furnished by Mr. Banerjee that the name of Gouri Bhattacharya appears as the wife of Bhabani Prasad Bhattacharya, considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this application is disposed of by granting liberty to the applicant to file reply to the memo dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2016 appearing at page 25 of the application within eight weeks from the date of obtaining a copy of this order. If reply is filed, same shall be sent by the Sub-Divisional Controller, Food &amp; Supplies, Ranaghat, Nadia, the respondent no.6 to the Senior Accounts Officer, Indian Audit &amp; Accounts Department, within four weeks. After receiving the same, the Principal Accountant General (A&amp;E), West Bengal, the respondent no.4 shall dispose of the matter by passing a reasoned order to be communicated to the parties within eight weeks and thereafter, if necessary, will direct for taking up follow up action within eight weeks.</p> <p>(S.K. Das) MEMBER (A)</p> <p>(Soumitra Pal) CHAIRMAN</p>	