WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Present-

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

Case No -OA 197 OF 2016

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29.08.2018	For the Applicant : Mr. S.N. Ray, Learned Advocate.	
	For the Applicant : Mr. M.N. Roy, Learned Advocate.	
	For A.G., W.B. : Mr. B. Mitra, Departmental Representative.	
	The applicant has prayed for direction upon the respondents to release retirement benefits of the husband of the applicant.	
	One Debi Prasanna Mukherjee, husband of the applicant was	
	working as Assistant Operator under the Respondent No. 3, Block	
	development Officer, Monteswar Development Block, Burdwan.	
	He was due to retire on October 30, 1993, but he continued in the	
	service till his death on November 28, 2004. The present applicant	
	being the wife of the deceased employee previously moved this	
	Tribunal by filing OA No. 8800 of 2007. On July 12, 2010, the said	
	original application was disposed of by the Tribunal by giving	
	direction to the respondents of the said original application to	
	grant retirement benefits for the period excluding the period of	
	100 months during which the husband of the applicant worked	
	after due date of retirement. The Tribunal observed in the said	

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	order that the amount received by the husband of the applicant by	
	doing excess work for 100 months will not be recovered as he	
	received the salary for discharge of his duty during the said period.	
	With the above factual matrix, the applicant has again prayed	
	for release of retirement benefits of her husband. The applicant	
	has mentioned in paragraph 6 (vii) that the State respondents have	
	already paid the amount towards General Provident Fund of her	
	deceased husband. Since the husband of the applicant worked	
	after due date of retirement and died while he was working in the	
	same post after retirement, the question of grant of lifetime	
	arrears of pension does not arise.	
	Mr. S.N. Ray, Learned Counsel representing the applicant	
	submits that the applicant is already getting family pension and as	
	such the question of direction upon the respondents for release of	
	family pension in favour of the applicant does not arise. The	
	period from November 1, 1993 till November 28, 2004 when the	
	husband of the applicant worked after the date of his normal	
	superannuation should be treated as his re-employment in the	
	service and as such the husband of the applicant is not entitled to	
	get any retirement benefit for discharge of his duty during the said	
	period. However, the applicant is entitled get only Gratuity and	
	Group Insurance by treating the date of retirement of the husband	
	of the applicant on October 30, 1993.	
	In view of our above findings, the Respondent No. 3, Block	

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	Development Officer, Monteswar Development	Block, Burdwan is	
	directed to arrange for payment of Gratuity an	d Group Insurance	
	to the applicant by treating the date of retireme	ent of the husband	
	of the applicant on October 30, 1993 within a p	period of 12 weeks	
	from the date of communication of the order.		
	With the above direction, the original app of.	lication is disposed	
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