WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Present-

The Hon'ble Justice Soumitra Pal & The Hon'ble Subesh Kumar Das

Case No -OA 255 OF 2017

Jagat Bandhu Biswas Vs The State of West Bengal & Ors.

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| <u> </u> | For the Applicant : Mr. C. Misra, | 3 |
| 8 | Advocate. | |
| 03.07.2019 | For the Respondents : Mr. A.L. Basu, Advocate. | |
| | Let rejoinder filed be kept on record. | |
| | In this application, the applicant, who was appointed in the post | |
| | of Live Stock Development Assistant under the Directorate of | |
| | Animal Resources Development and Animal Health, Government of | |
| | West Bengal in the year 2008 and had superannuated in the year | |
| | 2016, has prayed for a direction upon the respondents to count his | |
| | service period from the date of joining training on 1 st June, 1997 or | |
| | from the date when the empanelled candidates were appointed in | |
| | the post of Live Stock Development Assistant under the | |
| | Directorate. | |
| | The matter was admitted. Directions were issued to file reply | |
| | and rejoinder. Reply and rejoinder have been filed and are on | |
| | record. It is submitted by Mr. C. Misra, learned advocate | |
| | appearing on behalf of the applicant, that since after the selection | |
| | process the applicant was empanelled in the year 1997 and had | |
| | undergone one year training at different centres from 1 st March, | |
| | 1997 to 30 th November, 1997 and in spite of vacancies in the | |
| | departments the state authorities did not appoint and ultimately | |
| | he was appointed in the year 2008, appropriate order as prayed for | |
| | may be passed. Though It is submitted that superseding the | |
| | applicant some candidates have been appointed, we find from the | |

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| 1 | rejoinder no details have been furnished and the statements | 3 |
| | relating thereto are vague. | |
| | relating thereto are vagae. | |
| | It appears from the reply filed on behalf of the respondents that | |
| | though at the relevant point of time there were 96 vacancies in the | |
| | post of Live Stock Development Assistant, however 102 candidates | |
| | were selected for training. After completion of training, according | |
| | to merit evaluation was made. Since the serial number of the | |
| | applicant in the evaluation was beyond 96 he was not given | |
| | appointment and as soon as vacancies were available all the | |
| | trainees from serial number 97 to 102 were appointed. After the | |
| | appointment letter was given, the applicant accepted it, joined the | |
| | post and discharged his duties till his superannuation in 2016 | |
| | without any objection. It has been further stated in reply that | |
| | since cause of action arose in the year 2008 and since this | |
| | application has been moved in 2017, it is barred by the limitation | |
| | prescribed under Section 21 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, | |
| | 1985. It appears from paragraph 5 sub-paragraph XI of the | |
| | application that the applicant along with other candidates had filed | |
| | an application, being OA 6368 of 1998, alleging discrimination in | |
| | the case of appointment. The matter came up for hearing and | |
| | ultimately, as evident from page 26 of the application, the matter | |
| | was dismissed on 6 th January, 2001 on the prayer of the applicants, | |
| | which included the applicant herein, for non-prosecution. | |
| | It appears that the cause of action, if any, arose in the year 2008 | |
| | and no ground has been shown why the application has been | |
| | moved in the year 2017. Thus, it infringes limitation prescribed | |
| | under Section 21 of the 1985 Act. Moreover, since the applicant in | |

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| | the year 1998 had filed an app | olication praying for certain reliefs | |
| | and on the submission on beha | alf of the applicant the matter was | |
| | dismissed for non-prosecution | without seeking liberty to move | |
| | afresh, this application is not te | nable and hence, for the reasons as | |
| | aforesaid no order can be passe | d in this application. Therefore the | |
| | original application is dismissed. | | |
| | Let a plain copy of the order b | pe supplied to both sides. | |
| | S. K. DAS MEMBER(A) | SOUMITRA PAL CHAIRMAN | |
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