WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Present-

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

Case No -OA 294 OF 2014

Pijush Kanti Ghosh & Another Vs The State of West Bengal & Ors.

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18 26.09.2018	For the Applicant : Mr. M.N. Ray Mr. G. Halder, Learned Advocates.	
	For the State Respondents : Mrs. M. Mallick Learned Advocate.	
	The applicants have prayed for refixation of	
	scale of pay of the applicants at par with Graduate	
	Laboratory Instructor / Demonstrators in connection	
	with non-Government Colleges on setting aside order	
	dated July 19, 2013 passed by the Respondent No. 1,	
	Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Higher	
	Education Department.	
	The applicant no. 1 claims to have joined in the	
	post of Laboratory Assistant in Jalpaiguri Government	
	Engineering College in the year 1987 and the	
	applicant no. 2 claims to have joined in the same post	
	of the same College in the year 1999. The applicants	
	have been drawing scale of pay attached to the post of	
	Laboratory Assistant of Government Engineering	
	Colleges. The contention of the applicants is that they	
	have Graduate qualifications and are entitled to get	
	pay scale enjoyed by Graduate Laboratory Instructor	
	of Government aided Colleges. The further contention	
	of the applicants is that the Laboratory Assistant of	
	Government aided Colleges having Graduate	
	qualification are enjoying pay scale at par with	

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	Physical Instructor of the said Colleges by way of	
	redesignation of the post of Laboratory Assistant as	
	Graduate Laboratory Instructor and the said pay scale	
	is equivalent to the pay scale of the Teachers of	
	Government aided Colleges. By reasoned order dated	
	July 19, 2013 passed by the Respondent No. 1, the	
	claim of the applicants for getting pay parity with the	
	Graduate Laboratory Instructor of Government aided	
	Colleges was turned down on the ground that the	
	service conditions of the applicants as Laboratory	
	Assistant are different from the service conditions of	
	Graduate Laboratory Instructor of Government aided	
	Colleges.	
	With the above factual matrix, Mr. Roy, Learned	
	Counsel for the applicants contends that the	
	applicants have been discharging the same duties	
	which are being discharged by the Graduate	
	Laboratory Instructor of Government aided Colleges	
	and the applicants have the same qualification as that	
	of Graduate Laboratory Instructor of Government	
	aided Colleges and as such the applicants are entitled	
	to get the same pay scale which is enjoyed by	
	Graduate Laboratory Instructor of Government aided	
	Colleges. Mr. Roy has relied on the case of "State of	
	Kerala V. B. Renjith Kumar and Others" reported in	
	(2008) 12 SCC 219 in support of his above contention.	
	On the other hand, Learned Counsel representing the	

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	State respondents has supported the reasoned order	
	passed by the Respondent No. 1 by which claim of the	
	applicants was turned down.	
	In "State of Kerala V. B. Renjith Kumar and Others"	
	(supra), the Presiding Officers of Industrial Tribunal in	
	the State of Kerala claimed pay scale of the District	
	Judges on the ground that they have been discharging	
	the same duties which are discharged by the District	
	Judges. In this reported case, the Presiding Officers of	
	the Industrial Tribunal and the District Judges of State	
	of Kerala were governed by the same rules framed	
	under Article 309 of the Constitution of India. So, the	
	service conditions of the Presiding Officers of the	
	Industrial Tribunal and the service conditions of the	
	District Judges of the State of Kerala were same and	
	both of them discharged the same duties and	
	functions and as such the Apex Court granted scale of	
	pay of the District Judges of State of Kerala to the	
	Presiding Officers of Industrial Tribunals. In the	
	instant case, Graduate Laboratory Instructor of	
	Government aided Colleges are not governed by the	
	rules framed under Article 309 of the Constitution of	
	India, whereas the present applicants being	
	Laboratory Assistant of Government Engineering	
	Colleges are governed by the rules framed under	
	Article 309 of the Constitution of India. Moreover, it is	
	clearly pointed out by the Respondent No. 1 in the	

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	reasoned order that the Graduate Laboratory	
	Instructor of Government aided Colleges are governed	
	by the West Bengal College (Payment of Salaries) Act,	
	1978 and other relevant provisions of statute and	
	regulations framed thereunder whereas the present	
	applicants are governed by the rules framed under	
	Article 309 of the Constitution of India. So, the service	
	conditions of the present applicants are different from	
	the service conditions of Graduate Laboratory	
	Instructor of Government aided Colleges. Naturally,	
	the facts of the present case are distinguishable from	
	the facts of the reported case of "State of Kerala V. B.	
	Renjith Kumar and Others" (supra) and as such the	
	ratio of the said reported case cannot apply in the	
	facts of the present case.	
	In view of our above findings, we are unable to	
	accept the contention made on behalf of the applicants	
	that they are entitled to get pay parity with the	
	Graduate Laboratory Instructor of Government aided	
	Colleges. We fully agree with the reasoned order	
	passed by the Respondent No. 1 on July 19, 2013.	
	Accordingly, the original application is dismissed.	
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	MEMBER(A) MEMBER(J)	
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