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WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

The Hon'ble Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Officiating Chairperson and Administrative Member

Case No. - OA 108 OF 2025 SANGITA DEY & OTHERS - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No. For the Applicant and

Mr. Subarna Das, Learned Advocate

Date of

order For the State Respondents

Mr. Sankha Ghosh,

Learned Advocate

12.06.2025

The matter is taken up by the Single Bench pursuant to the order contained in the Notification No.638-WBAT/2J-15/2016 (Pt.-II) dated 23rd November, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under section 5(6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

In this application, the applicants, working as Health Assistant (Female), have prayed for a direction to the respondent authorities to consider their prayer for inter-District transfer in their respective home districts before appointment of the next batch of ANM passed candidates. Similarly circumstanced Health Assistants (Female) had moved before the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta by way of filing W.P.A. No.14922 of 2024 and the same was disposed of on 28.05.2024 by directing the Director of Health Services to consider their prayer by granting opportunity of hearing and to pass a reasoned order within six weeks. In terms of the said order of the Hon'ble Court the Director of Health Services passed a reasoned order on 02.07.2024, the relevant portion of which is as follows:

"There is a huge disparity between the vacancy and immediate requirement of Health Assistant (Female) for that matter. It may happen that there are few vacancies in some Districts, but need instant posting order of Health Assistant (Female) as they are unattended.

In the above backdrop, although it was felt that the petitioners are facing much difficulty in their place of posting which is far away from their Home District, then too this Department has no other alternative but to persist with the existing order. At the same time it is assured that the Administrative Department would consider the case of the petitioners as much as practicable when the next batch of Health Assistant (Female) would get order of posting."

Having heard the submissions of the learned counsels and since the respondent authority has already assured that they would consider the case of the petitioners as far as

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practicable, the application is disposed of by directing the respondent authority No.2, the Director of Health Service to consider the prayer of these applicants also in the light of the statements made in the reasoned order dated 02.07.2024.

(SAYEED AHMED BABA)
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON
and MEMBER (A)

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