

ORDER SHEET
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-95 of 2025

Munmun Nesha & Ors. - Vs - The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and
Date of order

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05.05.2025

For the Applicants : Mr. K. A. Ali,
Learned Advocate.

For the State Respondents : None..

For the P.S.C., W.B. Mr. Sourav Bhattacharjee,
Learned Advocate.

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.

The applicants have filed this application praying for a direction to the respondent authorities to increase the ratio to 1: 3 in the interview for the post of Assistant Director (Agriculture). From the submissions and the records, it appears that the applicants were participants in the selection process vide Advertisement No. 5/2023 conducted by the West Bengal Public Service Commission for the post of Assistant Director (Agriculture). However, none of the applicants could qualify for the final round of the selection - the interview, since they could not score high enough in the Preliminary Screening Test. Copy of Notification No. 23 dated 10.01.2025 published by the Commission shows the cut off marks required to qualify in the interview. All the applicants belong to OBC(A) category for which the cut off marks for interview was fixed at 65.75 The table below explains the marks obtained by the applicants against the cut-off marks for the OBC (A) category to which they belong.

Sl. No.	Name of Applicant	Category	Roll No.	Marks Obtained	Cut Off Marks
1.	Munmun Nesha	OBC (A)	5002386	62.50	65.75
2.	Ajijul Haque	OBC (A)	5000265	62.25	65.75
3.	Salma Sahani	OBC(A)	5001760	64.00	65.75
4.	Afif Mohammad	OBC(A)	5001778	62.50	65.75

From the above chart, it is evident and not disputed that these applicants who had participated in the Preliminary Screening Test could not qualify for the interview since their scores were lower than the cut off marks as set by the Commission for the OBC (A) category. Hence, their main argument is that if the Commission had raised the ratio from 1:2 to 1:3 for the interview; they would have got a fair chance to qualify in the interview.

Having heard both the sides and after examination of the records, it is clear to this Tribunal that the applicants, being unsuccessful, assumes that a higher ratio for interview would have given them a chance to qualify. Asking for such a direction to the Commission is not only preposterous but unreasonable. For, it is the Commission's prerogative to fix such ratio. The applicants' plea is simply presumptuous and devoid of any merit. They had participated knowing very well the selection criteria, but being unsuccessful, they are now pleading for change of ratio. The Tribunal is clear that such prayers are without any merit. Therefore, this application is disposed of without passing any orders.

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