

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 176 OF 2025

SMT. JYOTSHNA KHARIA -Vs- THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS.

Serial No. and
Date of order

02
12.06.2025

For the Applicant	:	Mr. Pulakesh Bajpayee Mrs. Sunita Agarwal Advocates
For the State Respondents	:	Mr. Gourav Haldar Advocate
For the Principal Accountant General (A&E) West Bengal	:	Mr. Biswanath Mitra (Departmental Representative)

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.

On consent of the learned counsels and the learned Departmental representative for the contesting parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the respondent authorities to release the arrear pension and other retiral benefits accruing from the superannuation of her husband. The applicant has also prayed for a direction to the respondent authorities to sanction her the family pension, being the widow of the deceased employee. Bandhanu Kharia was an Health Assistant (Male) and superannuated in 2014. Later, he died on 31.12.2018 without getting his pension and other retiral benefits. Jyotshna Kharia, a widow, filing this application has prayed for a direction to the respondent authorities to release the arrear pension of her husband along with arrears of other retiral benefits, but also a prayer has been made for sanction and release of family pension to her.

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From the records, it is understood that such pension and other retiral benefits could not be sanctioned due to deceased employee's long absence from duty.

The Tribunal after going through the records passes a direction to the respondent No. 4, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Alipurduar, to file a report giving reasons why pension and other retiral benefits could not be sanctioned to the deceased employee or his legal heirs.

The matter is admitted. Let the matter appear under the heading 'Hearing' on 12th August, 2025.

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

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