

**ORDER SHEET**  
**WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL**

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

**Present-**

**The Hon'ble Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)**

**Case No. – OA 514 of 2017**

**Ranjit Poddar -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	: Mrs. S. Bandyopadhyay, Ld. Advocate.
	For the State Respondents	: Mr. G.P. Banerjee, Ld. Advocate.

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28.04.2025

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 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5(6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

Supplementary application filed be kept on record.

By filing this supplementary application enclosing a copy of the final order passed, the applicant has prayed for setting aside the entire departmental proceedings. After conclusion of the departmental proceedings, the Disciplinary Authority, the Superintendent, Jalpaiguri Central Correctional Home passed the final order vide memo 391 dated 14.11.2017. The Disciplinary Authority being satisfied with the charges levelled against the applicant passed this final order imposing a punishment of withholding of one annual increment for one year.

Mrs. Bandyopadhyay, learned counsel argues that such departmental proceedings against the applicant on the same charges, which the Learned Trial Court had acquitted him is in violation of natural justice. Mrs. Bandyopadhyay wishes to produce copies of relevant judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the next date.

Mr. Banerjee, learned counsel has submitted that although the applicant was acquitted from the self-same charges but such acquittal does not prohibit the Disciplinary Authority to initiate a departmental proceedings against the applicant. Further, Mr. Banerjee points out that during the pendency of the departmental proceedings, the applicant did not find it essential to challenge the same before this Tribunal. The applicant moreover did not furnish any appeal against the final order passed by the Disciplinary Authority before the Appellate Authority.

Let the matter appear under the heading **“Hearing”** on **11.09.2025.**

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**SAYEED AHMED BABA**  
**Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)**