

**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 526 of 2024**

**Purnima Gorai -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

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For the Applicant : Mr. Ajay Barman Ray,  
Ms. Krishna Yadav,  
Ld. Advocates.  
For the State Respondents : Mr. Debabrata Kole,  
Ld. Advocate.  
For the Pr.AG (A&E), WB : Mr. B. Mitra,  
Ld. Depttl.Rep.

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10.07.2025

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.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the respondent authorities to issue duplicate copy of pension payment order of Binode Bihari Gorai and release family pension and other dues/benefits to the applicant.

As understood from the statements of the applicant in this application, the applicant married Binode Bihari Gorai, the deceased government employee on 10.03.1978. During subsistence of this first marriage, her husband on 07.03.1979 married one Alpana Gorai. On 28.11.1997, the Learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Purulia ordered monthly maintenance at the rate Rs.600/- to the applicant by deciding Misc. Case No. 47 of 1995. The retired government employee expired on 01.12.2019. The applicant, being the first wife, submitted representations for family pension and other benefits before the authority on 10.01.2020 and 20.01.2020.

In terms of a direction of this Tribunal, the applicant's side tried to serve copy of the application upon the private respondent, Alpana Gorai, but as evident from the speed post track record, such copy could not be delivered due to "absence of the person". It is also the fact that one Alpana Gorai, the private respondent, is another wife of the deceased person. It would be appropriate and justifiable if the respondent authority calls both Purnima Gorai and

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Alpana Gorai for hearing and examination of the documents they would present. Both the sides, Purnima Gorai and Alpana Gorai, are directed to appear before the respondent no. 2, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Purulia and present all their documents in support of their claims.

The Chief Medical Officer of Health, Purulia is directed to issue a notice for appearance before him along with relevant documents. After hearing both the sides and examination of records, the said respondent shall take a decision for sanction of family pension and other benefits in terms of Death-cum-Retirement Benefits Rules, 1971. The entire exercise of hearing and examination of documents should be completed within five months from the date of communication of this order.

Accordingly, this application is **disposed of**.

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

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