

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 602 OF 2024

ARCHANA DUTTA - Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS.

Serial No. and
Date of order

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01.07.2025

For the Applicant	:	Mr. Syed Mansur Ali Advocate
For the State Respondents	:	Mrs. Sonali Mitra 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.

In this matter relating to sanction of Family Pension to the applicant, the unmarried daughter of the deceased employee, Birendra Dutta, it has become clear that the matter is resting with the Finance Department. From examination of the documents, attention has been drawn to a correspondence No. 671-F(Pen) dated 18.12.2017, by which the Deputy Secretary, Finance Department had advised the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Hooghly Division to submit a set of 13 documents and also a declaration that the deceased employee had surrendered a portion of his Gratuity amounting to two months' salary for the entitlement of Family Pension in terms of Rule 106 of WBS (DCRB) Rules, 1971 read with Memo. 162-F(Pen) dated 29.03.2012. In response to the above mentioned communication of the Finance Department, the Executive Engineer by Memo. 1542 dated 12.06.2019

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had submitted the documents including a declaration regarding surrender of a part of the Gratuity for entitlement of Family Pension. A reminder to the Special Secretary, Finance Department in Memo. 1303 dated 14.07.2022, copy available in this application, is evident that the matter relating to Family Pension to the applicant is still pending with the Finance Department.

Mrs.S.Mitra, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent authority also confirms the same on the basis of instructions she had received.

Since it has become clear to this Tribunal that the Family Pension matter relating to this applicant's prayer is still pending with the Finance Department, a direction is given to the respondent No. 5, the Special Secretary, Finance Department to expedite disposal of the above matter within a reasonable period of time, preferably within 60 days from the date of communication of this order and communicate the decision to the Public Works Department.

Let the matter appear under the heading 'Hearing' on 15th September, 2025.

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

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