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W.P.A. 4846 of 2020 [via video conference]

[Dilip Konai @ Dilip Kumar Konai -Vs- State of West Bengal & Ors.]

Ms. Reshmi Ghosh
Mr. Koustav Bagchi
Mr. Debayan Ghosh
... .. for the petitioner

Mrs. Chaitali Bhattacharya
Mr. Subhendu Roy Chowdhury
... .. for the State

The petitioner claims to have been engaged as Pump Operator for cleaning and/or mopping and/or electrical work at Khargram Rural Hospital, Khargram Block, Murshidabad. The petitioner was not functioning on a full time basis. Admittedly, he was working as work charged employee for a limited period on a designated day.

The petitioner relies upon a certificate issued by the official of the concerned hospital in the year 2013-2014 certifying that he is engaged since 2002. The authority of the person concerned issuing such certificate is questionable. The certificate does not indicate as to how long the petitioner was engaged and for what period and for what specific purpose.

Be that as it may, the petitioner places reliance upon a Memorandum of the State Government dated 15th July, 2019 and submits that he is entitled to be treated similarly to the beneficiaries of the said circular. He further claims that he is entitled to claim for equal pay for equal work.

The prayer of the petitioner is opposed by Mrs. Chaitali Bhattacharya, learned counsel appearing for the State.

It appears from the Memorandum dated 15th July, 2019 that the same was issued to utilise persons who were engaged by Companies, Corporation, Undertakings, Statutory Bodies etc. wholly or partially controlled by the Government of West Bengal that were restructured and/or wound up. The petitioner admittedly, does not belong to such category.

Hence, the prayer of the petitioner that he should get the same benefit extended to the beneficiaries of the Memorandum dated 15th July, 2019 cannot be sustained.

Reliance placed on the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of ***State of Punjab vs. Jagjit Singh & Ors.*** reported in ***(2017) 1 SCC 148***, by the learned counsel for the petitioner, is misplaced.

Accordingly, the writ petition must fail and is hereby dismissed.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties on usual undertaking.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)