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**Avrajyoti Bhowmick and others
Versus
State of West Bengal and others**

**Mr. Rabiul Islam,
Mr. K. M. Hossain,
Sk. Jayed Hossain**

...for the petitioners

**Mr. S. Bandyopadhyay
... for the respondent nos. 2 to 5.**

**Mr. Supriya Ranjan Sah
... for the respondent no. 6.**

There are 56 petitioners who are Assistant Engineers and Engineers. It does not appear that deficit court fees have been paid.

Counsel for the petitioners undertakes to put in deficit court fees in course of the day, failing which the writ petition shall stand automatically dismissed.

The petitioners were engaged contractually by the Webel Technology Limited, Government of West Bengal undertaking. The petitioners were subsequently deployed on contract basis to execute the projects under E-governance scheme to be implemented under the Public Works Department, Government of West Bengal.

By a notification dated 16th October, 2020 Government of West Bengal, E-governance Cell

issued a notification, inter alia, granting certain service benefits to the petitioners including service tenure until sixty years of age as well as fixed terminal and medical benefits.

The petitioners submit that similar benefits were also afforded by the State Government to contractual workers like the petitioners in various other departments. The other agencies mentioned in the writ petition are, inter alia, under the (WBSRDA) PMGSY Wing. It is, however, pointed out that the persons referred to and similarly situated like the petitioners under other schemes are getting higher remuneration and benefits. The petitioners claim parity of pay and benefits, inter alia, similar to those mentioned in annexures at pages 84A, 86A and 87A of the writ petition.

This Court is of the view that the matter should be dealt with by the Government first.

In those circumstances, let the Joint Secretary, Finance, Government of West Bengal as may be nominated by the Chief Secretary decide the claim of the petitioners, in consultation with the Joint Secretary (Personnel), PWD, West Bengal within a period of three months from the date of communication of a copy of this order.

The petitioners and/or their legal representatives shall be heard by the said Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance and the Joint Secretary, PWD personally and a reasoned order may be passed. Such order should be communicated to the petitioners within a period of seven days thereof.

With the aforesaid directions, the instant writ petition is disposed of.

Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance of all formalities.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)