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Calcutta High Court
In the Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Appellate Jurisdiction

W.P.A. 394 of 2022

In the matter of : Chandra Kumar Pradhan

Mr. Surajit Basu
Md. Nauroz Rahber
Mrs. Ranu Mondal ...For the Petitioner

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh
Ms. Bedashruti Bose ... For the State

This is an application praying for direction upon the respondent authorities to release pension and back wages with interest to the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. In 1984 the petitioner was appointed as a household survey worker under the I.R.D.P. by the Executive Officer, Kurseong Block Panchayat Samity. In 1985, the Pradhan Gayabari II gram panchayet appointed the petitioner as collector. In 1990 the petitioner was deputed as an officer to correct the electoral roll by the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Darjeeling. In 1991 petitioner was appointed as an enumerator. In this fashion on several dates thereafter the petitioner was engaged to perform official duties by such authorities. Lastly, on 22.04.2015 the Assistant Electoral Registration Officer, Kurseong engaged the petitioner as a booth level officer. In spite of all these, the petitioner was never given a proper appointment letter.

Consequently, he was not paid regular salary. On 08.01.2022 the petitioner made a comprehensive representation before the authority concerned, but the same was not considered.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents submits as follows. The respondents dispute the petitioner's claim to wages or pension. However, if the petitioner wishes to have his representation considered by the respondent no. 5, the same can be done within a stipulated time.

I have heard the submissions of the learned counsels for the petitioner and the respondents and have perused the revision petition.

The allegations are not admitted since affidavits are not called for.

In view of the above, the respondent no. 5 is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 08.01.2022 within four weeks from the date of communication of this order and pass a reasoned order within a fortnight therefrom after giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

With these observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon completion of usual legal formalities.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)