

**CIRCUIT BENCH OF CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
AT JALPAIGURI**

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14.06.2022
Ct. No.2
b.das

**Namita Barman (Basunia)
Vs.
The State of W.B. & Ors.**

WPA 1051 of 2022

Mr. S. M. Obaidullah
Ms. Ankita Dey
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh
Mr. Pretom Das ...for the State.

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Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner
is taken on record.

The husband of the petitioner who was the sole
bread earner of the family, was employed as Water-
Carrier (Causal) at Sitai Development Block, Cooch
Behar, expired on 23rd August, 2020.

The petitioner applied before the concerned
authority for a suitable job on compassionate ground
since the deceased was the sole earning member of the
family.

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the
application of the petitioner dated 3rd February, 2021
was forwarded to the District Panchayat and Rural
Development Officer, Cooch Behar by the Block
Development Officer, Sitai Development Block on 24th
September, 2021 for necessary action. The petitioner

complains that the application has not been disposed of as yet.

It is submitted on behalf of the respondents that the Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Government of West Bengal, being the 2nd respondent herein is the appropriate authority to consider the application submitted by the petitioner.

In view of the above, the 2nd respondent is directed to consider and dispose of the application submitted by the petitioner dated 3rd February, 2021 within one month from the date of communication of this order after giving reasonable opportunity of hearing to all the interested parties including the petitioner, in accordance with law.

The decision taken by the authority shall be communicated to the petitioner within a week thereof.

With the above observations and directions this writ petition being WPA 1051 of 2022 is disposed of.

However, there shall be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to be admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)