

ORDER SHEET

WPO 1509 of 2022
IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
ORIGINAL SIDE

SHAKUNTALA DEBI SHAW
VS.
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE ARINDAM MUKHERJEE

Date: 11th April, 2022

Mr. Debductta Basu, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Deblina Chattaraj, Advocate for WBTC Ltd.
Mr. Tapan Kr. Mukherjee, Mrs. Tapati Samanta, Advs. for the State.

The Court : The petitioner is the wife of a former employee of Calcutta Tramways Company (1978) Ltd. (in short 'CTC') now known as West Bengal Transport Corporation (in short 'WBTC').

The petitioner's husband retired from the services of CTC on 31st August, 2010 and died on 10th January, 2022. The petitioner's husband neither upon his retirement nor during his lifetime did claim any interest for delayed payment of benefits under the Revision of Pay and Allowance Rules, 1998 (in short 'ROPA 1998'). The petitioner has approached this Court by filing the instant writ petition on 11th March, 2022. Applying the ratio laid down in (2008) 8 SCC 648 (Union of India & Ors. Vs. Tarsem Singh) and (2016) 13 SCC 797 (Asger Ibrahim Amin Vs. Life Insurance Corporation of

India) I find that this writ petition cannot be entertained for the reliefs claimed. It is required to be dismissed for inordinate delay and laches on the part of the petitioner.

The writ petition is, therefore, dismissed without any order as to costs.

(ARINDAM MUKHERJEE, J.)