HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA
AGARTALA

WP(C) No.522/2024

Smt. Archana Nama, wife of Sri Dhirendra Nama, resident of Village & P.O.-Pratyekroy, District-North Tripura, Dharmanagar.

…… Petitioner(s).

V E R S U S

1. The State of Tripura, represented by the Secretary, Social Welfare and Social Education Department, Government of Tripura, Civil Secretariat, New Capital Complex, P.O.-Kunjaban, Agartala.

2. The Director, Department of Social Welfare and Social Education, Government of Tripura, Ujan Abhoynagar, P.O.-Abhoynagar, Agartala, District-West Tripura.

3. The CDPO (Child Development Project Officer), Kadamtala ICDS Project, Kadamtala, North Tripura, P.O.-Kadamtala.

……Respondent(s).

For Petitioner(s)	: Mr. G.K. Nama, Advocate.
For Respondent(s)	: Mr. Kohinoor N. Bhattacharyya, G.A.

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. APARESH KUMAR SINGH

Order

20/08/2024

Heard Mr. G.K. Nama, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Kohinoor N. Bhattacharyya, learned Government Advocate appearing for the State respondents.

2. Petitioner is an Anganwadi Helper appointed on 18.09.2023. However, her salary has been withheld without any reason. Petitioner has not been allowed to record her attendance as well. She has made representations on a number of dates before the respondent No.3, the Child Development Project Officer, Kadamtala ICDS Project, North Tripura. A show-cause notice was earlier issued on 03.11.2023 (Annexure-9) to which petitioner replied on 06.11.2023 (Annexure-10) but no decision has been taken. Therefore,

petitioner has been compelled to approach this Court for a direction upon the respondents to pay her salary immediately and allow her to record her attendance.

3. Learned Government Advocate for the respondents-State submits that since petitioner's representation is pending, the writ petition may be disposed of at this stage with appropriate direction upon the competent authority/respondent No.3 to consider her representation and take a decision thereupon within a reasonable time.

4. I have considered the submissions of learned counsel for the parties.

5. In view of the aforesaid facts, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case of the petitioner, the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction upon the competent authority/respondent No.3 to take a decision on the representation of the petitioner and also on the reply to the show-cause notice within a reasonable time preferably within 8(eight) weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order.

Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(APARESH KUMAR SINGH), CJ

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