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WPA 9418 of 2025
(Sripati Mahato vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

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.... **For the State**

The petitioner is a casual worker who has been working as a Group D employee in Jhalda-II Development Block, Purulia since 2003. The petitioner seeks benefits in terms of the Memorandum issued by the Finance Department, Audit Branch, Government of West Bengal on 16th September, 2011. The petitioner submitted a representation in this regard before the concerned authority on 3rd March, 2025 which is yet to be considered. The petitioner seeks consideration of the same.

Learned counsel for the petitioner takes this Court to a judgment passed by Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court delivered on 4th July, 2024 in MAT 429 of 2024 wherein the Division Bench has decided the same issue as in the present application and has held that the petitioners therein are entitled to the benefits extended under the Memorandum dated 16th September, 2011. Special Leave Petition (Civil) being

38039/2024 preferred assailing the said judgment has been dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

In the said backdrop, the concerned authority being the Joint Secretary, Government of West Bengal, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, being the 4th respondent herein, is directed to consider and dispose of the representation submitted by the petitioner on 3rd March, 2025 within four weeks from the date of communication of this order upon affording reasonable opportunity of hearing to all concerned including the petitioner, in accordance with law.

The petitioner shall be at liberty to place relevant documents before the authority including the judgments referred to before this Court at the time of hearing.

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

In the event the concerned authority decides the issue in favour of the petitioner, consequential steps be taken at the earliest.

The writ petition is disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit has been invited, allegations contained in the writ petition shall be deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on compliance of requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)