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WPA 12691 of 2025
(Md Alamgir & Ors. vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

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The petitioners have been appointed as Tax Collecting Sarkars under different Gram Panchayats between 2012 and 2015. By a notification issued on 7th January, 2001 by the Government of West Bengal, 33% of the total number of posts of Gram Panchayat Karmee was decided to be filled up through recruitment test to be conducted by the District Level Selection Committee from the existing eligible Tax Collecting Sarkars having at least 6 years in service in any Gram Panchayat under the jurisdiction of the concerned district. Being eligible for the said posts, the petitioners applied for the same and their names were recommended by the Additional District Magistrate (Panchayat), North 24 Parganas before the Additional Secretary to the Government of West Bengal (Panchayat), Rural Development Department by letter issued on 17th November, 2022. In reply to the said letter, the Deputy Secretary (PRI) to the Government of West Bengal, by letter issued on 13th December, 2023 intimated that the recommendation was not approved. No reason has been assigned in the said communication for rejecting the recommendation. The communication dated 13th December, 2023 is assailed in the writ petition.

It is crystal clear from the impugned communication itself that the recommendation of the Additional District Magistrate has been turned down only by using two words 'not approved'. The concerned authority ought to have assigned reasons for not approving the recommendation sent by the Additional District Magistrate. In view of the fact that the communication impugned is not supported by any reason, the same is set aside/quashed.

The State Level Committee, being the 6th respondent herein, is directed to revisit the issue and pass a reasoned order upon granting reasonable opportunity of hearing to all concerned including the petitioners within six weeks from the date of communication of this order, in accordance with law. Since the petitioners submit that the authority has already granted such benefit to Tax Collecting Sarkars of others districts, they are at liberty to place such documents before the authority at the time of hearing.

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

The writ petition is thus 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.)