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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE.

WPA 14743 of 2025

Partha Sarathi Chakrabarti and another
Vs.
State of West Bengal and others.

Mr. Soumya Majumder.
... for the petitioners.

Mr. Piush Chaturvedi,
Mr. Abhiraj Tarafdar.
... for the State.

Ms. Aparna Banerjee. Ld. AGP,
Mr. Arijit Bhowmick,
Mr. Arindam Chatterjee,
Ms. Debasree Mukherjee.
... for the KMDA.

1. The report filed on behalf of the respondent no. 1 is taken on record.
2. The petitioners are aggrieved that in spite of all necessary steps having been taken to step up their pay, at par with the juniors, who had received higher pay on deputation, such amounts have not been paid to the petitioners.
3. The issue of stepping up of pay has travelled the entire mile and presently the Government of West Bengal by several communications, in compliance of the orders of this Hon'ble Court as well as of the Supreme Court of India have undertaken to make the payment in respect of the persons like the petitioners and those similarly situated like the

petitioners. The communication of March 4, 2024 is fairly clear and unequivocal.

4. Based on this communication, the Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (in short "KMDA") is also not averse to step up the pay of the petitioners and disbursing the same. The only impediment, as submitted by the learned Advocate appearing for the KMDA, is that the final call will be taken by the Department of Finance, Government of West Bengal.

5. Since, it appears from the records and the submissions made by the parties that the Finance Department is the ultimate authority to decide the cases of similarly situated persons as the petitioners, the Principal Secretary, Department of Finance, Government of West Bengal, will take all necessary steps and ensure that the disbursement is made in favour of the petitioners in terms of the orders of this Hon'ble Court as well as the communication of March 4, 2024 read with the letter of October 3, 2024 issued by the KMDA. The entire process will be completed by March 30, 2027.

6. The amounts to be disbursed in favour of the petitioners will include interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of entitlement till the date of payment in their favour.

7. With the afore-stated directions, the writ petition is

disposed of.

8. There shall, however, be no order as to costs.,
9. Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties on priority basis.

(Reetobroto Kumar Mitra, J.)