

WPA 19601 of 2024

Chinmoy Khanra
Vs.
The State of W.B. & Ors.

Mr. Sukanta Ghosh
Mr. Arghya Chatterjee
Mr. Rohan Chamria ...for the petitioner.

Mr. Santimay Bhattacharyya
Mr. Ziaul Haque
Mr. Anirban Das ...for respondent no.8.

None appears for the State and the Panchayat despite service.

The petitioner's father was an employee of Garbeta Gram Panchayat and died in harness on 18th August, 2018. He applied before the concerned authority for appointment on compassionate ground, pursuant to which the Additional District Magistrate (Panchayat), Paschim Medinipur by a letter issued on 3rd June, 2021 to the Block Development Officer, Garbeta-I Development Block requested the latter to submit certain documents after holding proper enquiry on the basis of memos dated 29th September, 2014 and 21st July, 2015 issued by the Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Panchayat and Rural Development Department.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that no further step has been taken by the authority in this regard.

Learned counsel for the Zilla Parishad submits that the Block Development Officer be directed to submit the documents as called for by the Additional District Magistrate in order to enable the Additional District Magistrate to send the matter to the Joint Secretary, Department of Panchayats and Rural Development for consideration.

In view of the above, the Block Development Officer, Garbeta-I Development Block, being the 9th respondent herein is directed to submit documents in terms of the memo no. S-47 dated 3rd June, 2021 issued by the Additional District Magistrate (Panchayat), Paschim Medinipur within four weeks from the date of communication of this order.

Upon receipt of the said documents, the Additional District Magistrate (Panchayat), Paschim Medinipur, being the 7th respondent herein shall take necessary steps for consideration of the application submitted by the petitioner within four weeks thereafter in accordance with law. The concerned authority shall grant reasonable opportunity of hearing to the petitioner at the time of such consideration. The petitioner is at liberty to submit relevant documents in support of his claim before the authority at the time of hearing.

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

The writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

There shall, however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)