

26.07.2024

Sl. No. 14

Ct. No. 23

Srimanta

WPA/16528/2024

Sk. Reazul Islam & Ors.

-Vs.-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Asok Nath Ghosh

...for the petitioners.

Mr. K. J. Yusuf,

Mr. Saurav Chaudhuri

...for the State.

Affidavit-of-service filed in Court today is taken on record.

Petitioners are directed to pay the deficit Court fees by 2nd August, 2024 failing which the petition should be treated to have been filed only by the petitioner no. 1.

The main grievances of the petitioners are that the petitioners being the employees of Westinghouse Saxby Farmer Limited, a Government of West Bengal Undertaking were all along receiving Dearness Allowances from the date from which the employees of the State Government were being given such Dearness Allowance. The Government of West Bengal announced the Dearness Allowance to be given to its employees from 1st January, 2017. The petitioners were not given the Dearness Allowance from such date for the first time. Dearness Allowance was given to the petitioners by their employer (respondent no.

4) but from a different date than 1st January, 2017. Pursuant to representations made by the employees the respondent no. 4 provided arrears for three months but it did not grant the Dearness Allowance from 1st January, 2017. The respondent nos. 4 and 5 remains unrepresented. On behalf of State it is submitted that being an undertaking of the state, the respondent no. 4 has to arrange for its own funds for paying the employees Dearness Allowance. It is, therefore, open to the respondent no. 4 to decide as to when and to what extent Dearness Allowance will be provided to its employees.

Let this matter appear in the Combined Monthly List of August, 2024 for further consideration.

The petitioners shall inform the respondent nos. 4 and 5 that this matter will appear in the Combined Monthly List of August, 2024.

(Arindam Mukherjee, J.)