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ORDER SHEET

WPO 578 of 2024
IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
ORIGINAL SIDE

SANDIP DAS & ORS.
VS.
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE ARINDAM MUKHERJEE

Date: 12th July, 2024.

Mr. Debdutta Basu, Advocate for the
petitioner.
Mr. Soham Bandyopadhyay, Mr. Aditya Chaturvedi, Mr. Pratik
Acharjee, Advocates for respondent nos.2 to 5.

Mr. Sirsanya Bandopadhyay, Mr. Deepnath Roy
Chowdhury, Advocates for the State.

The Court : The petitioners are contractual employees of West Bengal Transport Corporation Limited (in short WBTC). The petitioners joined WBTC on diverse dates ranging between 2007 and 2014 as per the particulars provided in paragraph 3 at page 8 of the writ petition. The petitioners say that by virtue of two memoranda issued by the WBTC in concurrence with the Transport Department, Government of West Bengal respectively dated 25th February, 2016 and 8th February, 2019 the petitioners are entitled to get a lump sum amount. The petitioners have not been paid so and as such the petitioners are claiming such money with a further direction upon the respondents to pay the same with arrears and interest.

The claim of the petitioners is disputed by the learned Advocate

representing the WBTC.

In the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the State and the WBTC are directed to file separate reports in the form of affidavit disclosing therein the minimum facts, the applicability of the circulars respectively dated 25th February, 2016 and 8th February, 2019 along with the initial circular dated 16th September, 2011 and addressing the main grievances of the petitioners. Let such reports be filed by 30th July, 2024 with copies to the learned Advocate for the petitioners. The petitioners shall be at liberty to file exception on or before the next date with copies to the learned Advocate for the respondents.

Let this matter appear on 6th August, 2024.

(ARINDAM MUKHERJEE, J.)