

**Manoj Choudhary @ Manoj Kamat**  
-vs-  
**State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Manas Kumar Ghosh  
Ms. Susmita Dey (Basu)  
...for the petitioner  
Mr. Sudipto Panda  
...for respondent no.5  
Ms. Noelle Banerjee  
Mr. Raj Sekhar Basu  
...for the State

It is the case of the petitioner that he was engaged as a “Lab Khalasi” on temporary basis under West Bengal State Rural Development Agency, Uttar Dinajpur on November 27, 2007.

It is the grievance of the petitioner that though he was appointed on the basis of the recommendation of Uttar Dinajpur Zilla Parishad, till date no approval regarding his service is granted by the State.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner has drawn attention of this Court to a letter dated October 12, 2020 addressed to the Joint Secretary, Government of West Bengal, Panchayat and Rural Development Authority whereby the Executive Engineer, West Bengal State Rural Development Agency, Uttar Dinajpur sought for post facto approval of petitioner’s appointment.

It has been submitted before this Court that no steps have been taken by the Joint Secretary, Government of West Bengal, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Kolkata following the letter dated October 12, 2020.

In view of the aforesaid facts, I dispose of this writ petition giving a direction upon the Joint Secretary, Government of West Bengal, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Kolkata to take a decision regarding the post facto approval of the petitioner's service as a Group 'D' staff under respondent no.3 within a period of one month from the date of communication of this order.

A reasoned order should be communicated to the petitioner within a period of seven days thereafter.

Needless to mention that if the Authority grants post facto approval to the service of the petitioner, all consequential benefits should be extended to him.

Accordingly, **WPA 24082 of 2023** is disposed of.

**(Kausik Chanda, J.)**