

**BEFORE  
TRIPURA HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
KUNJABAN, AGARTALA**

**Complaint No. 29 of 2023**

**Smt. Kanika Deb (Pal) W/O- Late Jaharlal Pal of  
Vill. West Howaibari, P.O- Howaibari,  
PS- Teliamura, District Khowai**

**FINAL ORDER DATED 22.08.2023**

This case was registered by the Commission on receipt of a complaint from one Smt. Kanika Deb (Pal) W/O Lt. Jaharlal Pal of village- West Howaibari, P.O.- Howaibari, PS- Teliamura, District- Khowai. In her complaint Smt. Deb stated that her husband was a serving teacher under Sarbha Shiksha Abhijan and on 03.04.2019, he suddenly died due to kidney disease. She has one son namely: Sri Subhajit Pal, 17 years and one minor daughter namely: Miss Jayiti Pal-5 years. After the death of her husband, she has not received any financial help from the Government as the service of her husband was on contract basis. She further submitted that she had made several prayers to get 'Bidhaba Bhata' for herself and 'Kannya Bhata' for her daughter, but till date she did not receive anything. She further mentioned that her son is a Madhyamik candidate and she is unable to manage his tuition fees and other educational expenses due to financial crisis. She does not have any landed property and no source of any other income.

2. She prayed to the Commission for arranging 'Bidhaba Bhata' for herself and 'Kannya Bhata' for her daughter as it is her fundamental right as a citizen of India.
3. After taking cognizance, the Commission issued notice to Director Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura to examine the matter and to take appropriate steps in accordance with Rules/ Scheme and to inform the Commission as well as the petitioner, within four weeks.
4. Since no reply was received from the Director Social Welfare and Social Education Department, Govt. of Tripura despite several reminders, a show cause notice was served on the Director Social Welfare asking him to show cause why legal action would not be taken against him for non-compliance of the Commission's order which was causing hindrance in disposal of the case by the Commission.
5. In reply to the show cause notice, the Director Social Welfare and Social Education Department, Govt. of Tripura vide his letter dated 15.07.2023 intimated the Commission that Social Welfare & Social Education Department, Govt. of Tripura had already taken action in the matter and Social Pension w.e.f. June 2023 under WDP (Widow Deserted Pension) Scheme has been sanctioned to the applicant Smt. Kanika Deb (Pal) and the same has been intimated to her by the Social Welfare & Social Education Department.
6. Though 'Bidhaba Bhata' and 'Kannya Bhata', as claimed by the petitioner, are not, in fact, fundamental rights as enshrined in

the constitution of India, however, it appears that social pension under WDP Scheme has been sanctioned to the petitioner following the rules and regulations of the Govt. of Tripura.

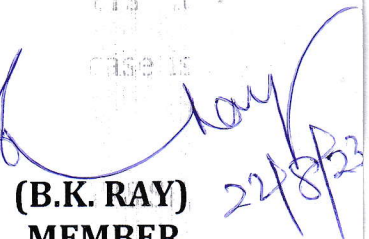
7. In view of the above, the Commission considers it appropriate not to proceed further in the matter and the case is thereby disposed of.

8. A copy of this order be sent to C.S. Secretary SW&SE, Director Social Welfare & Social Education Department, Govt. of Tripura for information.

9. Copy also be sent to the petitioner for information.

  
(S.C. SAHA)  
MEMBER

  
(JUSTICE S.C. DAS)  
CHAIRPERSON

  
(B.K. RAY)  
MEMBER