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ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
ORIGINAL SIDE

WPO/362/2026

JAIRUM ALIAS JAIRUN BIBI
VS
EASTERN COAL FIELDS LIMITED AND ORS

BEFORE:
The Hon'ble JUSTICE REETOBROTO KUMAR MITRA
Date : November 20, 2026.

Appearance:
Mr. Partha Ghosh, Adv.
...for the petitioner

Ms. Amrita Pandey, Adv.
...for the respondent nos. 1 to 8

1. The petitioner is aggrieved that she has not been given the death-cum-retiral benefits of her deceased husband who was an employee with the respondent no.1.
2. The employee expired in November, 2009, in harness from the Moira Colliery of the respondent no.1.
3. Ms. Pandey appearing for the authorities submits that the respondent no.1 has received a similar claim from another person claiming to be the wife of the deceased employee. She has placed a bunch of documents which are kept on record for such purpose. It is absolutely imperative to ascertain as to who is/are the legal heir/heirs of the deceased employee to enable the respondent no.1 to disburse the death-cum-retiral benefits.

4. I direct the respondent no.6 to place this issue before the District Magistrate, Paschim Bardhaman who will call for a hearing of the petitioner as well as Sonali Bibi with all requisite documents to deliberate and come to a finding as to who is/are the legal heir/ heirs of the deceased employee.

5. The decision of the District Magistrate will be taken within a period of 12 weeks from date and will be thereafter communicated to the respondent no.6 and to the attending parties to the hearing and respondent no.6 shall thereafter proceed to sanction and disburse the death-cum-retiral benefits in favour of the person who has been adjudged as the legal heir of the said employee by the District Magistrate.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition is disposed of.

7. No order as to costs.

(REETOBROTO KUMAR MITRA, J.)

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