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To
The Hon'ble Chairman
Public Service Commission
West Bengal

Sub: Pending absorption of the cadre members in W.B.L.R.S. - regards

Respected Sir,

As you are well aware that vide Notification No. 406/1E-02/2020-Apptt, dated 11.02.2021(copy enclosed), the State Government was pleased to declare the decision to constitute West Bengal Land Reforms Service comprising eligible S.R.O.-II and S.R.O.-I.

The Government after thread bare considerations published the relevant service rules on 29.03.2023 vide Kolkata Gazette Notification being number 1200-Estt/1E-02/2020-Appt.

Constitution of WBLRS is a step forward to alienate the age long sufferings that our cadre members have been subjected to. Prior to finalisation of modalities the highest authorities in the Government visited the issue time and again and it can never be said that the order was passed in a haste.

The basic aim of the Government was for ensuring holistic development of the structure of Land Reforms administration. That it is apparent that field level expertise is essential for imparting instructions in matter related to interpretation of the Acts vis-a-vis field reality.

The middle level administrators, intermediaries issues guidelines centralising the work procedure rather than decentralising. Failing to realize the cause of public resentment the Government often issues orders/circulars which aggravates the difficulty in execution rather than easing it out. The Government faces harassment and focuses on witch hunting rather than expediting the procedures involved. The intermediaries in administration who act like migratory birds sit in pivotal positions shrugs off their responsibility to our heads in awkward situation but are quick to claim credit for jobs accomplished by us.

For the last 50 odd years this cadre has worked day and night and:-

- Vested ceiling surplus land
- Issued pattas to landless marginal citizens and which includes successful implementation of NGNB scheme also.
- Gave right to the marginal farmer through operation barga
- Acquired land in favour of Government and thereafter reverted the land back to the owners in record time or prior to the timeline set by Government in Singur
- Successfully accomplished the transfer of Chitmahal lands in Coochbehar

- f) In a timeframe of less than 3months disposed more than 1 crore mutations by working almost 12 hours or more a day.

Sir, we have never hesitated to perform the job allocated to us and that also in quick time. Sir we have been fighting on this issue for more than 40 years and it is only under the present Chief Minister that W.B.L.R. service have been declared after 40 long years. Sir, the job is almost done and we pledge before your authority to complete it.

When the authorities are pressing hard to deal with quasi-judicial functions in a stipulated period of time it is hard to digest that such authority is finding difficulty in settlement of a already settled matter.

Because the file is pending at your end for almost two long months

- A) The senior members of WBLRS are unable to start functioning in their allocated posts because the lower tier is yet to be given proper shape.
- B) There has been no absorption in the post of Asst Directors-most of whom are likely to function as B.L&L.R.Os. Most of those who are functioning presently as B.L&L.R.Os are actually counting days prior to transfer and the administration is suffering.
- C) Those who have opted for W.B.C.S.(Exe) has one foot set out and are very reluctant to perform their duties.Because they are not promoted to W.B.C.S.(Exe) in time the juniors are not getting opportunity to move up in terms of career prospect.
- D) The Revenue officers have not been promoted for long and everything is due for the file which is pending at your end. More than 150 Revenue officers are likely to get promoted once the file is cleared.

The association seeks your urgent intervention in the matter such that the impasse could be resolved. The Association desires and urges that the file be expatiated.

Thanking you.

Sincerely yours,

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Copy forwarded to The Land Reforms Commissioner & Principal Secretary, L.&L.R. and R.R.&R. Department, Government of West Bengal for information.

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