

**ORDER SHEET**  
**WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL**

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

**Present-**

**The Hon'ble Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)**

**Case No. – OA 170 of 2024**

**Rabindra Nath Sarkar -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	: Ms. Anita Shaw, Ld. Advocate.
	For the State Respondents	: Ms. R. Sarkar, Mr. S. Debray, Mr. R. Bag, Ld. Depttl. Reps.
04 28.08.2025		

The matter is taken up by the Single Bench pursuant to the order contained in the Notification No. 638-WBAT/2J-15/2016 (Pt.-II) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5(6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

The prayer in this application is for setting aside the order dated 21.08.2023 passed by Additional Secretary, Land & Land Reforms Department and to release the interest amount @8% p.a. on the total belated retiral dues of Rs.5,51,108/-.

The applicant had furnished a representation before the District Magistrate & Collector, Uttar Dinajpur on 02.09.2020 praying for refund of the deducted amount.

This Tribunal without going into the amount of such deduction and refund with interest has found that the Land & Land Reforms Department in its memo. no. 3250 dated 21.08.2023 had rejected the sanction of interest @8% to the applicant without mentioning any reason. The memo under challenge is not only cryptic, but denies natural justice to the applicant who deserves to be told why his prayer for interest cannot be accepted. The Tribunal is of the view that this cryptic memo being devoid of any reason is quashable and it is quashed with a direction to the respondent no. 2, the Additional Secretary, Land & Land Reforms and Refugee, Reliefs and Rehabilitation Department to reconsider the matter relating to prayer of this applicant for payment of interest and pass a speaking and reasoned order within four (04) months from the date of communication of this order. A copy of such order be communicated to the applicant within two (02) weeks thereafter.

Accordingly, this application is **disposed of**.

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**SAYEED AHMED BABA**  
**Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)**