

**ORDER SHEET**

**WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL**

**Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.**

**Present-**

**THE HON'BLE SAYEED AHMED BABA, OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER,  
Case No. - OA 180 OF 2024**

**MALAYA KANTA MURMU - Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS.**

Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	: Mr. Soumendra Narayan Ray Advocate
<u>01</u> 22.04.2024	For the State Respondents	: Mrs.Sunita Agarwal Advocate
	For the Principal Accountant General (A&E) West Bengal	: Mr.Biswanath Mitra (Departmental Representative)

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.

On consent of the learned counsels and the learned Departmental Representative for the contesting parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the respondent authorities to consider the representation dated 21.12.2023. Submission of Mr.S.N.Ray, learned counsel for the applicant is that as stated in the representation, though the Principal Accountant General (A&E) has issued the Pension Payment Order No. 112393477 and also sanctioned order for retiral benefits, however, the office of the Director of Mass Education Extension has not yet released the same.

Mrs.S.Agarwal, learned counsel refers to a letter of the Principal Accountant General (A&E) addressed to the respondent authority making references to some anonymous letters complaining against the applicant. From the submissions and the representation filed by the applicant, it appears that the PPO No. 112393477 was issued in favour of the applicant on 21.11.2023, but the final process of transferring the pension amount to the applicant has been withheld seemingly due to

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some anonymous letters forwarded by the office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E). Mrs. Agarwal assures that these anonymous letters will be examined without impacting on the release of pension. The Tribunal has made it clear to Mrs. Agarwal that when the PPO has already been issued, the pension of the applicant cannot be withheld or delayed on the pretext of some compliant written by anonymous persons. It is the duty and obligation of the respondent authorities to release the pension once the PPO has been issued unless such pension can be withheld as per rules.

Heard the parties. The matter is admitted.

Let the matter appear under the heading "For Orders" on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024.

**(SAYEED AHMED BABA)**  
**OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER (A)**

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