

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 187 OF 2024

AJOY KUMAR SARDAR - Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS

Serial No. and
Date of order

For the Applicant : Mr.G.Mallik
Advocate

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18.11.2024

For the State Respondents : Mr.Gourav Haldar
Advocate

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 23rd 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 for the contesting parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

The applicant had retired as Agriculture Extension Officer working under the office of Assistant Director of Agriculture (ADMN) Tamluk, Purba Medinipur on 31.05.2018. His PPO was issued on 16.04.2018 and the revised PPO was issued to him on 16.02.2022 incorporating the benefits of ROPA 2019. The contention of the applicant is that though he was entitled to receive such revised payment earlier, but the same was released to him after 28 months from the date of effect of ROPA 2019 and it was paid without interest for the delayed payment of his revised pensionary benefits.

Mr.Haldar, learned counsel submits that all arrear benefits were disbursed to the applicant well in time. He also indicates if any delay had occurred at all, then the reason for such delay was COVID-19 restrictions during that period. Submission is that as per extant rule, the applicant is not entitled to receive any interest on release of arrears on

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revised pension.

Since the applicant does not reveal the date when the applicant furnished his representation for giving the ROPA 2019 benefits, the Tribunal advises Mr.Mallik to file copies of the prayers the applicant had submitted before the respondent authorities praying for giving the effect of ROPA 2019.

Let the matter appear under the heading "For Orders" on 9th April, 2025.

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

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