

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 190 OF 2024

ASHOK KUMAR BAKSHI - 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. Debabrata Koley
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 a Police Driver working under the office of Superintendent of Police on 28.02.2016. His PPO was issued on 08.02.2016 and the revised PPO was issued to him on 22.03.2021 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 16 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.Koley, learned counsel, however, disputes the claim of the applicant and submits that there was no delay on part of the respondent authorities. As per records, he applied for getting benefits of ROPA 2019 only on 10.08.2020 and the respondent authorities forwarded a proposal to the Principal Accountant General on 04.09.2020 itself and the benefits of ROPA 2019 revised in his pension was released to him on 31.05.2021. Therefore, there was no delay on part of the respondent authorities.

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Mr.Koley further 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 revised pension.

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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