

**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 192 OF 2024**

**DILIP KUMAR MAHISH - 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 Respondents No. 1, : Ms. Ruma Sarkar  
4 & 5 Mr.Sourav Debray  
Mrs.A.Bhattacharyya  
(Departmental Representatives)

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 counsel and the learned Departmental representatives for the contesting parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

The applicant had retired as a Night Guard working under the Sub-Divisional Land and Land Reforms Officer, Sadar, Paschim Medinipur on 30.11.2017. His PPO was issued on 03.10.2017 and the revised PPO was issued to him on 01.04.2021 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 19 months from the date of effect of ROPA 2019 and it was paid without interest for the delayed payment of his revised pensionary benefits.

Ms.Sarkar, learned Departmental representative submits that the applicant had exercised his option for ROPA 2019 by submitting an application on 20.12.2019 which was duly forwarded to the Principal Accountant General on 08.06.2020 and the Principal Accountant

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General issued revised PPO on 01.04.2021. As per the applicant, he received the part revised pension on 30.08.2021. Ms. Sarkar, further submits that all arrear benefits were disbursed to the applicant well in time. She 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. It has also been submitted by Ms.Sarkar that the applicant without exhausting the remedies available to him, for instance, filing a representation before the respondent authorities demanding interest on arrear pension, has instead filed an application before this Tribunal.

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

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

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