

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-238 of 2022

Prafulla Kumar Bhattacharya VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors..

Serial No. and Date of order For the Applicant : Mr. S.N. Roy,
Learned Advocate.

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10.03.2023 For the State Respondents : Ms. R. Sarkar,
Mr. S. Deb Roy,
Mrs. A. Bhattacharya,
Departmental Representatives.

Mr. B. Mitra.

For the Pr. A.G.W.B.

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.

In this application, Prafulla Kumar Bhattacharya, the applicant has prayed for disbursement of arrear pension along with interest and for payment of interest for delayed payment of gratuity after condoning the shortfall of service of four years three months and twenty days for getting pension.

Heard learned advocates for the parties.

We find that the issue is covered by the judgement delivered on 18th January, 2022 passed in WPST 91 of 2019 (Sudhansu Karmakar and others-vs- State of West Bengal and others) wherein, interalia, it has been held as under :-

".....Admittedly, the power to relax the period for the purpose of qualifying service is provided in DCRB Rules, 1971 but with an outer cap of six months. The authorities cannot act in

contravention to the statutory provisions nor the Writ Court should issue a Mandamus commanding the authorities to act in clear violation of the statutory provision. Once the power of relaxation is brindled with an outer cap, the authorities are denuded of power to extend such relaxation, who do not come within the purview thereof...”

In view of the law laid down by the High Court since the short fall beyond six months cannot be condoned, no order is passed on the application. The application is disposed of.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON & MEMBER(A)

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