

**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 53 OF 2024**

**AMAL KRISHNA MEDYA - Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS**

Serial No. and  
Date of order

02  
09.12.2024

For the Applicant : Mr.G.Malik  
Advocate  
For the State Respondents : Mr. Soumendra Narayan Ray  
Advocate  
For the Principal Accountant : Mr. Biswanath Mitra  
General (A&E) West Bengal (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.

Submission of Mr.Malik, learned counsel is that although the applicant submitted all the necessary documents for pension and other retiral benefits on time, but the respondent authorities delayed sanction of these without any fault of the applicant. The applicant having superannuated on 31.12.2017 was issued his gratuity on 23.09.2021, with a delay of 23 months from the date of effect of ROPA. Such delayed release of his retiral benefits, no interest was paid to the applicant. Thus, the prayer for payment of interest @ 18 % per annum.

Mr.S.N.Ray, learned counsel wishes to file a reply on behalf of the State respondents. Let such reply be filed and a copy be served. Mr.Mitra, the Departmental representative is of the view that in this matter relating to payment of interest on delayed sanction of pension and

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retiral benefits, if any, the office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E) West Bengal has no role.

Let the name of the respondent No. 4, the Principal Accountant General (A&E) West Bengal be expunged from the array of the respondents. Matter to appear under the heading 'Hearing' on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

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

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