

ORDER SHEET

WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

Mr. Sayeed Ahmed Baba, Officiating Chairperson and Hon'ble Member (A).

Case No. – OA 574 of 2024.

RITA MAJUMDER - VERSUS- THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No. and
Date of order

02
13.12.2024

For the Applicant : Mr. S.P. Pahari,
Advocate.

For the State Respondents : None.

For the Principal Accountant General (A & E) W.B. : Mr. B. Mitra,
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 23rd November, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5(6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

Affidavit of service filed today be kept on record.

In this application, the applicant has prayed for a direction upon the Respondent authorities to pay interest on delayed payment of gratuity amounting to Rs. 5,34,336/- and arrear pension amounting to Rs. 23,07,424/- with effect from 01.9.2015 to actual disbursement dated 10.5.2024 and 21.5.2024 @ 12 per cent per annum.

Submission of Mr. Pahari, learned counsel is that though the applicant superannuated on 01.9.2015, but her pension sanctioned only on 08.3.2024 giving effect from 01.9.2015. Later Rs,5,34,336/- was credited to her bank account on 10.5.2024. On 21.5.2024, an amount of Rs. 2307424/- towards pension along with arrears was credited to her bank on 21.5.2024. Such payment of pension and gratuity with arrears after a lapse of nine years from the date of her superannuation is completely the fault of the Respondent authorities for which the applicant deserves to be paid such an interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum.

Mr. Mitra points out that by order of this Tribunal in OA 259 of 2023 dated 12.10.2023, the pension papers were submitted before the Principal

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Accountant General (A & E) W.B. by the Pension Sanctioning Authority.

The matter is admitted.

Let the matter be listed on 21.4.2025 under the heading "Hearing".

Reply and rejoinder, if any, in the meantime.

The applicant's side is directed to serve a copy of this order to the Respondent authority.

(SAYEED AHMED BABA)
Officiating Chairperson and Member (A)

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