

ORDER SHEET

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 600 of 2023

Pradip Kumar Sinha -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and
Date of order

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26.09.2023

For the Applicant : Mr. S. Bhattacharjee,
Ld. Advocate.
For the State respondent : Ms. R. Sarkar,
No. 1 Mrs. A. Bhattacharya,
Depttl. Reps.
For the Pr.AG (A&E), : Mr. B. Mitra,
WB 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.

On consent of the learned counsels for the contesting parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

Affidavit of service filed be kept on record.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the State respondents to release interest @ 8% p.a. for delayed payment of his pensionary benefits for the period from 01.09.2012 to 31.12.2022 amounting to Rs.15,15,949/- since the applicant has been retired from service on 31.08.2012.

Appearing on behalf of the Department, Ms. Sarkar, the learned Departmental Representative informs that due to a criminal case pending against the applicant, his pensions were not released till he is acquitted by the appropriate Court in the criminal case. Once acquitted, all his pension and other pensionary benefits will be released to him. Therefore, the question of delay on the part of the respondent does not arise.

Since the office of Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal has no relevance in this matter, the name of Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal be expunged from the array of respondents.

Let the matter appear under the heading “**Admission Hearing**” on **08.04.2024**.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)

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