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. – <u>OA 795 OF 2023</u>

AMINA BEGUM & OTHERS - Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS

Serial No. and

Date of order

For the Applicants : Mrs. Sunita Agarwal

Advocate

 $\frac{01}{16.01.2024}$

For the State Respondents : Ms.Ruma Sarkar

Mr.Sourav Debray

Mr.R.Bag

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

Affidavit of service filed today be kept on record.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the respondent authority to pay statutory interest upon delayed payment of Rs. 16,05,450/-. The prayer also relates to payment of balance GPF amount.

By filing a representation before the respondent authorities on 18.09.2023, the applicant has explained that the said amount of Rs. 16,05,450/- was credited to her account much later than required. The applicant contests that P.P.O. was issued only on 16.01.2023, much after the superannuation of her deceased husband on 30.04.2009.

As it appears from the submission, such interest is being claimed from 01.05.2009, from the next day the deceased employee

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superannuated. Submission is that from 01.05.2009 till his death on 11.04.2016, the deceased employee was not given any pension and other retiral benefits. After the death of her husband, P.P.O. of family pension was issued only on 16.01.2023. Thereafter, she received all her admissible benefits including the G.P.F.

Submission is that since due to latches on the part of the respondents for not issuing and paying the pension on time, such interest is claimed by the applicant.

Ms.R.Sarkar, learned Departmental representatives prays for accommodation to check the details with the respondent's office and submit her views on the next date.

The matter is admitted. Let the matter appear under the heading 'Hearing' on 24th July, 2024.

BLR

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