

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-374 of 2024

Smt. Parbati Ghosh. -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Others.

Serial No. and
Date of order

For the Applicant : None.

For the State Respondents : Mr. S. Ghosh,
Learned counsel.

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15.05.2025

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.

The prayer in this application is for a direction to the Respondent authorities to disburse the interest amount towards the delayed payment of pension and gratuity from the date of her retirement on 01.10.2020. The applicant was a Staff Nurse Grade – II in Sub-Divisional Hospital, Uluberia, Howrah and superannuated on 30.09.2020. Her Pension Payment Order (PPO) was issued on 20.10.2022 and the pension was released on 14.12.2022. The other retiral benefits like Gratuity and Commuted Value of Pension (CVP) was released on 13.12.2022; Leave Salary and GISS on 27.12.2022. Her argument is that due to malafide intensions the Respondent authorities deliberately delayed sanctioned and released her pension and other retiral benefits and thus, prays for an interest @ 18% per annum. During the delayed period from 01.10.2020 till actual date of payment on 14.12.2022.

Thus, after examining the papers in this application and after hearing the submissions from both the sides, the Tribunal is of the view that neither such payments were delayed inordinately nor there was any malafide intension of the Respondent authorities to punish her with delayed sanctioned and payment. It is a fact that her PPO was sanctioned after a gap of two years but the payments were released to her instantly within a matter of two months from the day the PPO was sanctioned. The Tribunal is also aware that Covid-19 Pandemic was its peak when the applicant had retired.

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This delay of two years certainly due to restrictions and lockdown during the time of Covid-19.

In view what has been observed above, the Tribunal does not find any merit in the prayers of the applicant in this application and therefore, this application is disposed of without passing any orders.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)

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