

**ORDER SHEET****WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL****Present-**

The Hon'ble Justice Ranjit Kumar Bag  
& The Hon'ble Subesh Kumar Das

Case No OA- 299 OF 2017  
Tapan Ghosh Vs. STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>07</u> 02.04.18</p>	<p>For the Applicant : None.</p> <p>For the Respondent : Mr. S. Ghosh, Learned Advocate,</p> <p>For Principal Accountant General (A &amp; E), : Mr. B. Mitra, West Bengal Departmental Representative.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">None appears on behalf of the applicant.</p> <p>The applicant has prayed for direction upon the respondents to pay interest on the amount of Provident Fund (PF) for the period from the date of retirement till actual payment of the amount.</p> <p>The contention of the applicant is that the applicant retired from Government service on March 31, 2016. On the basis of prayer of the applicant, the Respondent no. 2, Principal Accountant General (A &amp; E), West Bengal issued the order on June 1, 2016 for final payment of the amount of PF to the applicant to the tune of Rs.19,97,472/- and gave authorization to the Respondent no. 3, Block Development Officer, Purbasthali - I Development Block in the district of Burdwan for drawing the amount of PF and disbursement of the same</p>	

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	<p>in favour of the applicant. It appears from the materials on record that an amount of Rs.19,97,472/- was deposited in the bank account of the applicant on December 30, 2016. No explanation is forthcoming before the Tribunal as to why the final amount of PF was not credited to the bank account of the applicant within a period of 7 (seven) months from the date of issuance of the order by the Principal Accountant General (A &amp; E), West Bengal. Since the formalities of drawing up the bill and disbursement of the actual amount of money in the bank account of the applicant may take for the maximum period of one month and since the amount was actually paid to the applicant after lapse of 7 (seven) months, we are of the view that the applicant is entitled to get interest on the final amount of PF at least from 01.04.2016 to 30.12.2016 which is about 6 (six) months. Since this amount of money would have fetched interest @ 6.5% p.a., had this amount been kept in the term deposit in any nationalized bank.</p> <p>In view of our above findings, the Respondent no. 3, BDO, Purbasthali - I Development Block, Burdwan is directed to pay to the applicant interest @ 6.5% p.a. on the amount of GPF to the tune of Rs.19,97,472/- for the</p>	

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Rajib	<p>period of 6 (six) months as calculated above within a period of 12 (twelve) weeks from the date of communication of this order.</p> <p><b>Ld. Registrar of the Tribunal is directed to communicate this order to the respondent no. 3 i.e. BDO, Purbasthali - I Development Block, Burdwan by Speed Post within a period of 2 (two) weeks from the date of order.</b></p> <p><b>Let the record be placed before the Ld. Registrar by tomorrow.</b></p> <p>The original application, thus, stands disposed of.</p> <p>Let a plain copy of the order be supplied to the parties.</p> <p><b>(S.K.Das)</b> <b>MEMBER(A)</b></p> <p><b>(R.K.Bag)</b> <b>MEMBER (J)</b></p>	

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