

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 188 of 2024

Sunil Kumar Dey -- VERSUS – The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Serial No. and
Date of order

For the Applicant : None.

For the State Respondents : Mr. G. Halder,
Ld. Advocate.

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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 applicant had retired as Sub-Inspector of Police working under Special Superintendent of Police (I) Intelligence Branch on 30.06.2017. His PPO was issued on 22.05.2017 and the revised PPO was issued to him on 10.08.2021 incorporating the benefits of ROPA 2019. The contention of the applicant is that though he was entitled to receive such revised payment earlier, but the same was released to him after 22 months from the date of effect of ROPA 2019 and it was paid without interest for the delayed payment of his revised pensionary benefits.

Mr. Halder, learned counsel submits that the applicant who was required to furnish an application in Annexure-I form did so before the respondent authorities only on 04.06.2020. In terms of such a document, the respondent No. 1 submitted a proposal before the Office of the Principal Accountant General on 05.06.2020 itself. Therefore, there was no delay on part of the respondent authorities.

Mr. Halder further submits that all arrear benefits were disbursed to the applicant well in time. He also indicates if any delay had occurred at all, then the reason for such delay was Covid-19 restrictions during that period. Submission is that as per extent rule, the applicant is not entitled to receive any interest on release of arrears on revised pension.

Having heard the submissions of the learned counsels and after examination of the records in this application, the Tribunal

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has come to the conclusion that the delay of 22 months cannot be termed “laches on the part of the respondent authorities”. It is an admitted fact that the applicant himself had furnished the documents in Annexure-I before the respondent authorities only on 04.06.2020. Therefore, the Tribunal does not find any delay on part of the respondent authorities in releasing his revised PPO on 10.08.2021.

Finding no merit in the prayer of this application, it is **disposed of** without passing any order.

SAYEED AHMED BABA
Officiating Chairperson & Member (A)

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