

WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

The Hon'ble Justice Soumitra Pal, Chairman

Case No. – OA 304 OF 2022

DR. SANTOSH KUMAR ROY - VERSUS - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ORS.

Serial No. and Date of order	For the Applicant	:	Mr.Milan Bhattacharjee Senior Advocate Mr.R.N.Barik Advocate
<u>02</u> 15.06.2022			
	For the State respondents	:	Mr. Goutam Pathak Banerjee Advocate
	For the Principal Accountant General (A&E) West Bengal	:	Mr.Biwanath Mitra (Departmental Representative)

The matter is taken up by the single Bench pursuant to the order contained in the Notification No. 118-WBAT/1E-08/2003 (Pt.-II) dated 11th February, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under section 6 (5) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

In this application, Santosh Kumar Roy, the applicant, who has superannuated on 30th November, 2021 as Joint Director of Agriculture has prayed for release of pension and pensionary benefits.

Mr.M.Bhattacharjee, learned senior advocate appearing on behalf of the applicant submits as evidently the applicant was entitled to pension on the date of his retirement and till date it has not been given, appropriate order may be passed directing the respondents to issue pension payment order and to grant interest on the delayed payment as there was no laches on the part of the applicant. However he submits during pendency of the matter his client has received an intimation dated 25th May, 2022 that the pension payment order has been issued. Let a copy of the said letter be kept on record.

Mr.G.P.Banerjee, learned advocate appearing on behalf of the State respondents submits on instruction that the pension payment order has been

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issued and pension shall be disbursed on compliance of the formalities, if any, by the applicant.

Mr.B.Mitra, the departmental representative for the Principal Accountant General (A&E) West Bengal adopts the submission of Mr.Banerjee.

Since we find that pension payment order has been dispatched by Speed Post on 9th December, 2021, let the matter appear under the heading "Admission Hearing" on 6th July, 2022 to enable Mr.Banerjee to obtain instruction regarding payment of interest on the delayed payment of the superannuation benefits.

In the meantime, the Additional Director of Agriculture (Administration) Department of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal, the respondent no. 5, shall issue appropriate order, a copy of which shall be served on the applicant, and shall take steps for disbursement of pension and superannuation benefits to the applicant.

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(SOUMITRA PAL)
CHAIRMAN