

April 7, 2026
(32) ARDR

WPA 17864 of 2025

Nandalal Mahato
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Rama Halder,
Adv. Eshita Mandal,

...for the petitioner.

Adv. Bhaskar Prasad Vaisya,
Adv. Gourav Das,

...for the State.

On prayer of the petitioner, liberty is granted to correct the cause title of the application.

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

The petitioner was appointed as Tax Collecting Sarkar in Ghrita Gram Panchayat on 16th October, 1999 on contractual basis. Pursuant to a notification issued on 24th January, 2011 by the District Panchayat and Rural Development Officer, the petitioner participated in the written test and viva voce and qualified for appointment as Gram Panchayat Karmee. He joined the said post on 31st May, 2013 and superannuated on 31st January, 2024. The petitioner seeks release of his retiral benefits. He submitted a representation in this regard before the concerned authority on 13th May, 2025 and seeks consideration of the same.

Learned counsel for the State submits that the concerned authority be directed to deal with the

representation upon granting an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. Learned counsel points out that there are certain discrepancies in the application form submitted by the petitioner with regard to his age which need to be rectified.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties, this Court is of the view that the concerned authority be directed to consider the representation submitted by the petitioner upon granting him an opportunity of hearing.

Accordingly, the District Panchayat and Rural Development Officer, being the 3rd respondent herein, is directed to consider and dispose of the representation submitted by the petitioner on 13th May, 2025 within six months from the date of communication of this order upon granting an opportunity of hearing to all concerned including the petitioner, in accordance with law.

The petitioner shall be at liberty to produce relevant documents in support of his contention before the concerned authority.

The decision taken by the concerned authority shall be communicated to the petitioner within a week thereof.

In the event the concerned authority arrives at a conclusion in favour of the petitioner, necessary consequential steps be taken at the earliest.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

There shall however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)