

**Central Administrative Tribunal
Ernakulam Bench**

OA No.180/00799/2019

Thursday, this the 7th day of November, 2019.

CORAM

Hon'ble Mr.E.K.Bharat Bhushan, Administrative Member

Hon'ble Mr.Ashish Kalia, Judicial Member

Ms. Usha Thomas,
Retired Postmaster, Cherthala HPO,
Residing at Erattupuzha House,
CMC-3, Cherthala-688 524,
Alappuzha District.

Applicant

(Advocate: Mr.Unnikrishna Kaimal)

versus

1. Union of India represented by
the Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications,
New Delhi-110 001.
2. The Chief Postmaster General,
Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram-695 033.
3. The Director of Postal Accounts,
Kerala Circle, Thiruvananthapuram-695 001.
4. The Superintendent of Post Offices,
Alappuzha Division,
Alappuzha-688 012.

Respondents

(Advocate: Sri P.G.Jayan, ACGSC)

The OA having been heard on 7th November, 2019, this Tribunal delivered the following order on the same day:

O R D E R (oral)

By E.K.Bharat Bhushan, Administrative Member

Sri P.G.Jayan, ACGSC takes notice. Heard both sides.

This is the second round of litigation. The applicant is a pensioner of the Department of Posts, who retired from service on superannuation on 30.11.2017, after serving as Postmaster at Head Post Office, Cherthala. The 3rd respondent sanctioned payment of retirement gratuity of Rs.10,77,615/- to the applicant. Due to the delay in granting the same, the applicant had approached this Tribunal by filing OA No.906/2018, wherein she had obtained orders directing respondent No.4 to consider the representation made, within thirty days. Accordingly, it appears that the 4th respondent has sanctioned a part of the amount i.e. Rs.7,40,715/- as per Annexure A3 order. In other words, an amount of Rs.3,36,900/- has been withheld. The applicant had represented her case through representations, copies of which are available at Annexure A6 & A7 which remain un-responded to.

2. We are of the view that ends of justice will be met if we issue a further direction to respondent No.4 to consider the representations at Annexure A6 & A7 wherein the applicant has made out her case that her request may be considered in line with the directions contained in Annexure A4 & A5. This may be done as expeditiously as possible and in any case within thirty days of receipt of this order. OA stands disposed of.

(Ashish Kalia)
Judicial Member

(E.K.Bharat Bhushan)
Administrative Member

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Annexures filed by the applicant:

- Annexure A1: Copy of the order No.5332/Postal/2017/KE/23811/DCRG/Pen-3 dated 7.12.2017 issued by the 3rd respondent.
- Annexure A2: Copy of the order dated 8.11.2018 of this Tribunal in OA No.906/2018.
- Annexure A3: Copy of the order No.C.11/2017 dated 5.12.2018 issued by the 4th respondent.
- Annexure A4: Copy of the Department of Posts (Pension Section) order No.4-1/2014-Pen dated 25.3.2014.
- Annexure A5: Copy of the Department of Posts (Pension Section) order No.4-1/2014-Pen dated 7.12.2018.
- Annexure A6: Copy of the representation dated 18.3.2019 submitted by the applicant to respondents 2 to 4.
- Annexure A7: Copy of the representation dated 11.7.2019 submitted by the applicant to the 2nd respondent by name.