

**Calcutta High Court
In the Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Appellate Jurisdiction**

W.P.A 2197 of 2024

**Ashok Kumar Saha Sonar @ Ashok Kumar Saha
-versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

**Ms. Sabita Khutia (Bhunya).
...For the Petitioner.**

**Mr. Nabankur Paul,
Mr. Sandip Guha Roy.
...For the State.**

1. Affidavit-of-service filed in Court today is taken on record.

2. The petitioner is a retired Gram Panchayat employee. As he did not achieve the minimum qualifying service period for receiving pension, pension has not been paid to him. He seeks condonation in the shortfall of the qualifying service period.

3. A representation has been made before the respondent authorities but the same is alleged to be kept pending.

4. A similar issue has been decided by this Court on 1st October, 2024 in WPA 2193 of 2024 (Paresh Chandra Roy Eashor -vs- The State of West Bengal & Ors.).

5. It has been prayed that similar relief may be granted to the petitioner.

6. As it appears that the prayer of the petitioner is pending consideration at the end of the authority, accordingly, the instant writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondent no. 3, the

Additional Secretary, Government of West Bengal, Department of Panchayat and Rural Development to consider the representation filed on behalf of the petitioner in the light of the order passed by the Court in the matter of Paresh Chandra Roy Eashor (supra) at the earliest but positively within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

7. A reasoned order shall be passed and communicated to the petitioner immediately thereafter.

8. Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner is directed to forward a copy of the legal representation and a copy of the order passed by the Court in the matter Paresh Chandra Roy Eashor (supra) to the aforesaid respondent at the time of communicating the order of the Court.

9. The writ petition stands disposed of.

10. Urgent certified photo copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties expeditiously on compliance of usual legal formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)