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WPA 22501 of 2026

Ratan Singh
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and others.

Mr. Srinjay Sengupta
Mr. Saurav Roy
Mr. Ankush Ghosh
Mr. Prasenjit Jana
... for the petitioner.

Mr. Anindya Basu, Sr. Govt. Adv.
Mr. Partha Sarathi Basu
... for the State

Mr. Niladri Bhattacharjee
Mr. Suman Majumdar
... for the WBTC Limited

1. Let affidavit of service filed in Court today be kept with the records.
2. Let supplementary affidavit filed on behalf of the petitioner be also kept on record.
3. Mother of the petitioner was employee of West Bengal Transport Corporation who retired from service on October 31, 2024 and passed away on May 29, 2026.
4. Learned Advocate representing the petitioner submits that there was considerable delay in releasing benefits to the mother of the petitioner.
5. It is submitted that benefits towards provident fund was paid on September 9, 2025.
6. As it is found delay occurred in releasing benefits to the petitioner's mother, petitioner is entitled to receive interest on those benefits.
7. Mother of the petitioner by her representation dated

May 7, 2026, which has been placed on record by way of a supplementary affidavit, which is taken on record, had agitated her right to receive the interest on the delayed payment. The petitioner in furtherance of such right had made a further representation on July 15, 2026, as the mother of the petitioner expired on May 29, 2026.

8. Hence, concerned authority of West Bengal Transport Corporation is directed to pay interest @ 6% per annum on provident fund from the date following the date of superannuation of mother of the petitioner till the date of release of the amount by three months from the date of communication of this order.
9. In the event of default in making payment of interest on aforesaid amount within time stipulated hereinabove, respondent authority shall be liable to pay interest @ 8% per annum on the benefits.
10. If necessary, State respondents shall provide fund to the Corporation for making payment in terms of the aforesaid direction.
10. The writ petition stands disposed of.
11. There shall be no order as to costs.
12. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Reetobroto Kumar Mitra, J.)

