

WPA 16120 of 2026

Rupali Marit
Vs.
The State of W. B. & Ors.

Ms. Debjani Sahu ...for the petitioner.

Mr. Madhu Jana
Mr. Vinayak Choubey ...for the State.

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

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The husband of the petitioner was appointed as Secretary of Indrani Gram Panchayat and died in harness on 4th December, 2021.

Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 17th May, 2022. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 24th May, 2022.

The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity amount and arrear pension paid to her due to delay in disbursal of the same.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer,

Lalbagh, being the 2nd and 4th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 5th December, 2021 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment shall be made within one month from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observation and direction, the writ petition is disposed of.

There shall, however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the writ 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.)