

28.08.2026
Item no.D/L 43
Court No. 18
Pradip, A.R.(Ct.)

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

Case No. **WPA 22319 of 2026**

In the matter of:
Debojyoti Das *.... Petitioner*
VS.
The State of West Bengal & Ors. *....Respondents*

For the Petitioner:
Mr. Srinjay Sengupta
Mr. Sourav Roy
Mr. Akash Ghosh
Mr. Prasenjit Jana *....Advocates*

For the State:
Mr. Souvik Sen
Mr. Bikash Kumar Srivastav *....Advocates*

For the WBTC:
Mr. Niladri Bhattacharjee
Ms. Poulami Chattopadhyay *....Advocates*

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.
2. The father of the petitioner was an employee of West Bengal Transport Corporation who passed away on September 25, 2024.
3. Learned advocate representing the petitioner submits that there was considerable delay in releasing death benefits to the petitioner after death of his father.
4. It is submitted that benefits towards death gratuity and leave encashment were paid to the petitioner on 27th January, 2025. The provident fund was paid on 15th October, 2025.
5. West Bengal Transport Corporation and State respondents are represented by learned advocates.

6. There was considerable delay in releasing benefits to the petitioner due to his father, the petitioner is entitled to receive interest on these benefits.
7. Hence, concerned authority of West Bengal Transport Corporation is directed to pay interest @ 6% per annum on death gratuity, provident fund and leave encashment from the date following the date of death of the father of the petitioner, till the date of actual payment within three months from the date of communication of this order.
8. 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 death benefits.
9. If necessary, State respondents shall provide fund to the Corporation for making payment in terms of the aforesaid directed.
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.)