

13.06.2025
Court No. 18
Item No. 01
(Suvendu)

WPA 512 of 2024

Shipra Ghosh
-Versus-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishnendu Bera
.....for the petitioner

Mr. Bhakti Prasad Das
.....for the State

An order was passed in open Court on 12th June, 2025 giving direction upon State respondents to pay interest on gratuity due to delayed payment. While signing the order I found that Pension Payment Order was issued on 2nd May, 2019 whereas petitioner retired on 31st May, 2019. Apparently it appears that there was no delay on the part of State respondents in issuing Pension Payment Order. Question arises for consideration as to why State authorities shall be directed to pay interest due to delayed payment of gratuity.

Having found this anomaly, I directed the matter to appear in today's list under the heading "To Be Mentioned".

Learned advocate for the petitioner submits that though Pension Payment Order was issued on 2nd May, 2019 but gratuity was released on 5th

January, 2021 as a result whereof petitioner has filed this writ petition claiming interest on gratuity.

Having considered the submission made on behalf of the petitioner, it is necessary to find out as to why delay was caused in releasing gratuity though Pension Payment Order was issued on 2nd May, 2019.

List the matter under the heading “Motion” in the Combined Monthly List of July, 2025.

Unsigned order dated 12th June, 2025 shall be retained with the record.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)