

8th May, 2026
Item no.M/L 158
Court No. 18
Pradip, A.R.(Ct.)

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

Case No. **WPA 7507 of 2026**

In the matter of:

Latika Samanta

.... Petitioner

VS.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

....Respondents

For the Petitioner:

Mr. Manas Kumar Ghosh
Ms. Susmita Dey (Basu)
Mr. Antarik Dawn

....Advocates

For the C.S.T.C.:

Mr. N.C. Bihani, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Soumyajit Ghosh

....Advocates

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.
2. The petitioner is a retired employee of the Calcutta State Transport Corporation (CSTC). She retired from service on attaining the normal age of superannuation on 31st May, 2025.
3. Allegation is that she has not been paid her provident fund dues under the General Provident Fund Scheme. She received her gratuity amount at a delayed point of time.
4. Prayer has been made to pay the provident fund dues in its entirety and interest on account of the delayed payment of gratuity.
5. The dues claimed by the petitioner are all statutory dues and required to be paid immediately on retirement of the employee or soon thereafter. The petitioner retired from service on 31st May, 2025 but her dues have not been paid till date.
6. In view of the above, the instant writ petition stands disposed of by directing the Managing Director, Calcutta State Transport Corporation, to take steps for releasing provident fund dues of the petitioner in full at the earliest but positively within a period of twelve weeks from the date of communication of this order.

7. As the petitioner will be receiving her terminal dues after some delay, accordingly, the amount due to him shall be accompanied with simple interest at the rate of six percent per annum calculated on and from the next date of retirement till the date of actual payment.
8. Interest at the above rate shall also be paid to the petitioner on account of delayed payment of his gratuity.
9. If the due amount of the petitioner is not disbursed within the time limit stipulated hereinabove, then additional two percent simple interest, i.e., 6+2=8 percent interest shall be payable to the petitioner.
10. The writ petition stands disposed of.
11. There is no proof of service upon the respondent no.6. Let a copy of the writ petition along with a copy of this order be served upon the respondent no.6 for compliance.
12. The writ petition stands disposed of.
13. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.
14. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)