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**Paschim Banga Gramin Bank and Ors.
Vs.
Employees' Provident Fund Organization and Ors.**

Mr. Biswaroop Bhattacharya, Advocate
Ms. Surasri Baidya, Advocate
... for the Petitioners.

Mr. Pranit Bag, Advocate
Mr. Arjun Mookerjee, Advocate
... for the UCO Bank.

Mr. Shiv Chandra Prasad, Advocate
... for the P.F. Authorities.

An interim order was passed in this writ petition on March 26, 2021. The Provident Fund Authority is represented before this Court today through Mr. Shiv Chandra Prasad, learned advocate. UCO Bank is represented before this Court today through Mr. Pranit Bag, learned advocate with Mr. Arjun Mookerjee, learned advocate.

Pursuant to the said order dated March 26, 2021 the writ petitioners were directed to deposit a total sum of ₹9,51,168/- with the Provident Fund Authority by April 6, 2021 and the matter was directed to appear in the list on April 8, 2021 for further hearing at 2 pm. Interim order was passed for a limited period till April 9, 2021.

Mr. Biswaroop Bhattacharya, learned advocate appearing for the writ petitioners filed an affidavit of

service before this Court enclosing a copy of the banker's cheque for a sum of ₹9,51,168/- made over in favour of the Provident Fund Authority. The affidavit of service is kept on record.

This Court, today is assigned with the urgent matters from the list and determination of the Hon'ble Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay as published today. This writ petition is appearing in today's list of Justice Abhijit Gangopadhyay as serial No.72 under the heading 'Fixed Matter' at 2 p.m. As the interim order is going to expire tomorrow, April 9, 2021, the matter was mentioned by Mr. Biswaroop Bhattacharya, learned advocate for the petitioners for a short extension thereof.

Mr. Pranit Bag, learned advocate appearing for the UCO Bank submitted that, the bank had suffered a coercive notice dated March 23, 2021 issued by the Provident Fund Authority whereby a threat was received that the salary of the General Manager of the bank would be attached. He had further submitted that UCO Bank had already filed an interlocutory application in this writ petition seeking necessary direction.

In view of the above, considering the nature of the interim order passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court on March 26, 2021 and since the same is going to expire on April 9, 2021 i.e. tomorrow; and since the amount had already been deposited in terms of the direction dated March 26, 2021, the interim order

passed on March 26, 2021 is extended for a limited period till April 16, 2021.

(Aniruddha Roy, J.)