

WPA 9956 of 2026
(Biswanath Dhara vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Mr. Banshi Badan Maity,
...For the petitioner.

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

None appears for the respondents despite service. Mr. Bipin Ghosh, learned counsel who is present in Court and usually appears for the State is requested to represent the State in this matter. His appointment be regularised by the appropriate authority. The petitioner is directed to serve copy of the application along with annexure thereto upon Mr. Ghosh in course of this day.

The petitioner was appointed as Gram Panchayat Karmee under Ukhrid Gram Panchayat and superannuated on 30th June, 2017.

Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 24th August, 2017.

Subsequently, there was revision of payment of gratuity amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA Rules, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on 18th August, 2021. The revised gratuity and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 6th September, 2021.

The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity amount and arrear pension amount due to delay in disbursement 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, Burdwan-I, being the 3rd and 4th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of eight per cent per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 1st January, 2020 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such amount shall be paid within two months 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 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.)