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22.05.2026
Court No.18
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 10672 of 2026

Sarama Chattopadhyay

Vs.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Kalyan Kumar Panda

Mr. Uttam Kumar Ray

...for the Petitioner.

1. Affidavit of service filed by the learned advocate for the petitioner in Court today be kept with the records.

2. The husband of the petitioner was an ex-serviceman. He expired in the year 2004.

3. The petitioner being the widow received family pension from the State Government side. The same has suddenly been stopped after the petitioner received family pension from the Defence Authority. The petitioner is aggrieved by the same.

4. Reliance has been placed on the communication being Circular No.514 dated September 5, 2013 issued by the Office of the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions) mentioning that pension disbursing authorities will make payment of family pension from both sides, i.e., Army side in addition to the civil side w.e.f. September 24, 2012, if he/she is otherwise eligible.

5. The circular further mentions that a note has to be endorsed by the pension disbursing authority that the individual was re-employed and family pension from the Army side is payable from September 29,

2012. The Circular was effective from September 24, 2012.

6. Learned advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is receiving the family pension from the Army side but the family pension from the side of the State Government has been discontinued.

7. A communication from Joint Director of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal addressed to the Treasury Officer, Bishnupur Treasury dated July 21, 2015 has been annexed to the writ petition wherefrom it appears that the family pension of the petitioner was stopped and a clarification from the Finance Department, Pension Branch was sought for.

8. It has been submitted that despite repeated representations submitted by the petitioner, family pension has not re-started. No clarification from the Finance Department, Pension Branch has been obtained till date.

9. None appears on behalf of the State respondents despite service.

10. Let further notice be served in the office of the learned Government Pleader.

11. Re-list the matter on June 15, 2026.

12. Learned advocate representing the State respondents shall obtain specific instruction as to why the family pension of the petitioner from the State Government side will not be paid.

13. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)