

19-05-2026  
Item No.14  
Subrata  
Bhattacharyya  
AR(C)

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA**

Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction  
Appellate Side

**WPA No.11063 of 2026**

**Manasa Goswami**

**-vs-**

**Union of India & Ors.**

Mr. Pran Gopal Das  
Mr. Tanmoy Sett  
Mr. A. Chatterjee ...for the petitioner

Mr. Saunak Bera  
Mr. Uttam Basak ...for Union of India

1. The petitioner claims to be the mother of one Govind Kumar Goswami, who was serving in BSF and expired on January 19, 2026.
2. Specific allegation of the petitioner is that the authority is taking steps to release the terminal benefits of the deceased in favour of the private respondent who claims to be the wife of the deceased.
3. The petitioner has annexed documents to the writ petition in support of the submission that the private respondent is already married to one Mr. Arjun Dhar. A suit for dissolution of the marriage under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 was filed by the said Arjun Dhar which stood dismissed for default on January 11, 2022. On account of dismissal of the matrimonial suit, according to the petitioner, the marriage between Arjun Dhar and the private respondent still subsists.
4. It has been contended that the deceased employee

was a Hindu and that he could not have married a lady who is already married to another man during the subsistence of the said marriage.

5. It has further been submitted that funeral expenses to the tune of Rs.8,000/- have already been released in favour of the private respondent and that there are chances that the balance terminal dues may also be released in favour of the private respondent.
6. Prayer has been made to direct the respondents not to release the remaining part of the terminal dues of the deceased any further till the disposal of the instant writ petition.
7. None represents the private respondent, despite service. Affidavit of service is on record.
8. Learned counsel for the Union of India seeks time to obtain instruction in the matter.
9. Let the stand of the respondents be placed on record for proper adjudication of the instant *lis*.
10. In view of the above, the respondents, including the private respondent, are directed to file affidavit disclosing their stand by June 19, 2026.
11. Relist the matter for further consideration on June 29, 2026.
12. Exception, if any, in the meantime.
13. For ends of justice, the respondents are restrained from disbursing any further terminal dues of the deceased till July 17, 2027 or until further order, whichever is earlier.
14. Learned counsel for the petitioner is directed to communicate this order to the non-appearing respondents forthwith.
15. All parties are to act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

16. Certified copy of this order, if applied for, shall be made available to the parties.

[Amrita Sinha, J]