

March 17, 2026  
(22) ARDR

**WPA 13723 of 2024**

Sumitra Das  
Vs.  
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Dhananjay Banerjee,  
Adv. Pralay Hazra,  
Adv. Partha Sarathi Mishra

...for the petitioner.

Adv. Surajit Basu (VC),

...for the respondent no.10.

Adv. Rabindra Narayan Dutta,  
Adv. Hare Krishna Halder,

...for the State.

The petitioner is the second wife of Subodh Das, since deceased, who was a Gram Panchayat Karmee and expired on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. The petitioner seeks disbursement of his retiral benefits in her favour. The private respondent who is the sole heir of the first wife of the deceased who has also expired, has no objection to the same.

In view of the above, this Court directs the Pradhan, Jadurhati Gram Panchayat, being the 9<sup>th</sup> respondent herein, to take necessary steps for disbursement of the retiral benefits of the deceased employee in favour of the petitioner upon ascertaining her entitlement, within four weeks from the date of communication of this order upon granting reasonable opportunity of hearing to all concerned including the petitioner and the private respondent, in accordance with law.

The writ petition is accordingly 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.)**