

WPA 15837 of 2026

Bijan Bihari Dutta
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Sanchayita De,
Adv. Madhu Jana,
Adv. Vinayak Chaubey,
...for the petitioner.
...for the State.

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

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner was appointed as Executive Assistant under Mashiara Gram Panchayat and superannuated on 31st July, 2016.

Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 8th August, 2016.

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 February, 2021. The revised gratuity and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 20th February, 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, Khatra, 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 revised 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 one month 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.)