

05-03-2026  
Item no.44  
**Subrata**  
**Bhattacharyya**  
AR(C)

**In the High Court at Calcutta**  
Special Civil Jurisdiction  
Appellate Side

**CPAN No.1178 of 2023**  
**Akhroba Banu**

**-vs-**

**Ms. Bandana Pokhriyal & Anr.**  
arising out of  
**WPA No.602 of 2022**

Mr. Anjan Dutta ...for the petitioner

Mr. Sandipan Banerjee  
...for the Corporation

Mr. Tarun Kumar Ghosh  
Ms. Rupsha Chakraborty ...for the State

1. From the report forwarded by the Controller of Finance & Pension Sanctioning Authority of the Howrah Municipal Corporation signed on February 19, 2026, it appears that PPO has been issued in favour of the deceased employee on June 25, 2025. The petitioner being the widow of the employee is receiving family pension from July 2025. There is arrear of Rs.12,52,072/- on account of family pension to be paid to the petitioner. Leave encashment has also not been paid.
2. The Controller of Finance has mentioned that, due to shortage of fund, the balance would be paid in twenty-four instalments at the rate of Rs.52,170/- for twenty-three months and the last instalment for Rs.52,162/- in one month.
3. The widow ought to have received the family pension on and from the death of the employee. The employee died-in-harness on December 12, 2020.

The Corporation has started disbursing family pension to the petitioner only from July 2025 – after about four and a half years.

4. The Corporation, accordingly, shall be obliged to pay simple interest on account of such delayed payment of family pension to the petitioner.
5. Hence, simple interest at the rate of 6% p.a. shall be added to the due amount calculated on and from the next date of death of the employee till the entire payment is cleared. Leave encashment shall be paid at the earliest.
6. Relist the matter for further consideration on May 7, 2026.
7. Leave encashment shall be made prior to the adjourned date.
8. All parties are to act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.
9. Certified copy of this order, if applied for, shall be made available to the parties.

[Amrita Sinha, J]

