

September 9, 2026
(18) ARDR

WPA 24444 of 2026

Lakshmi Pramanik

Vs.

The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Banshi Badan Maity,

...for the petitioner.

Adv. Mrinal Kanti Sardar,

...for the State.

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

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The husband of the petitioner was appointed as Panchayat Karmee of Mahachanda Gram Panchayat and superannuated on 31st December, 2019. He expired on 13th January, 2022.

Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 6th March, 2020. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 1st July, 2020.

The petitioner seeks interest on the arrear pension paid to him 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, Burdwan I, being the 3rd and 4th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioners at the rate of eight per cent per annum on the 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.)