

**WPA 24448 of 2026**

Mira Bauri  
Vs.  
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Banshi Badan Maity,  
Adv. Baidurya Ghosal,  
Adv. Srijit Halder,  
...for the petitioner.  
...for the State.

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

The petitioner's husband was appointed as Gram Panchayat Karmee of Shyamla Gram Panchayat and died in harness on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.

Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018.

The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity amount and arrear pension amount due to delay in disbursal 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, Asansol I, being the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of eight per cent per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2016 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.)**