

2nd April., 2026

Item no.D/L 14
Court No. 18

Pradip, A.R.(Ct.)

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

Case No. **WPA 31045 of 2024**

In the matter of :
Minati Biswas & Ors. *.... Petitioner*
VS.
The State of West Bengal & Anr. *....Respondents*

For the Petitioner:
Mr. Sudhakar Biswas *....Advocate*
For the State:
Mr. Nilotpal Chatterjee
Ms. Munmun Ganguly *....Advocates*

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.
2. Report on behalf of the Inspector General of Police & State Commandant, W.B.N.V.F. Directorate, Kalyani signed on 28th March, 2026 filed in Court today is taken on record.
3. As many as eleven petitioners in this writ petition are retired volunteers of the National Volunteer Force. They have received the ex gratia amount on their demobilization at a delayed point of time. The petitioners seek interest on account of such delayed payment of ex gratia.
4. Reliance has been placed on several orders passed by this Court in similar matters. One of such orders annexed to the writ petition is dated August 18, 2025 in **WPA No.13903 of 2025 (Sk. Anwar Ali & Ors. v. The State of West Bengal & Anr.)** wherein the Court directed grant of interest on account of such delayed payment.

5. In line with the aforesaid order, the instant writ petition stands disposed of by directing the respondent no.2 The State Commandant, West Bengal, Bengal National Volunteer Force Directorate, Kalyani to pay simple interest on account of delayed payment of the one-time ex gratia to the petitioners at the rate of 8% p.a. from the next date of demobilization till the date of actual payment, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of communication of this order.
6. In default, 2% additional simple interest i.e. $8\%+2\%=10\%$ p.a. shall be payable to the petitioners.
7. Since the writ petition is disposed of without calling for affidavits, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted by the respondents.
8. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.
9. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)