

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
[CIRCUIT BENCH AT PORT BLAIR]

WPA/553/2025

Punam Kumari

Vs.

Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council and Another

Mr. Gopala Binnu Kumar for the petitioner

Mr. Rakesh Kumar ... for the respondents

November 26, 2025
[SR]
Item No.6

Heard Mr. Gopala Binnu Kumar, learned counsel
appearing for the petitioner.

The husband of the petitioner Late Shivrath Baraik, while
serving as Work Charge Mazdoor (WCM) died in harness on 28th
May, 2025 leaving behind the petitioner and three minor
children. Thereafter, the petitioner approached the Secretary,
Municipal Council, Sri Vijaya Puram to consider her case for
appointment on compassionate ground or on Daily Rated
Mazdoor basis by a representation dated 23rd July, 2022.

As no steps were taken, the petitioner approached the
same authority by way of another representation dated 10th
November, 2025.

Both the representations made by the petitioner not being
attended to, the petitioner is before this Court by way of present
writ petition.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that
the monthly pension of the petitioner's late husband has not
being released till date and the representations made by the

petitioner to sustain her livelihood as well as her three minor children have also not been considered and, therefore, an interim order is required from this Court.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar, learned counsel enters appearance on behalf of all the respondents and submits that the representations dated 23rd July, 2025 and 10th November, 2025 made by the petitioner would be considered by the concerned authority within a short period of time.

Considering that the petitioner's late husband died in harness on 28th May, 2025 and that the monthly pension of the petitioner's husband has not been released, the concerned authority, particularly the respondent no.2, is directed to forthwith release the monthly pension of the petitioner's late husband. Further, the respondent nos. 1 and 2 are also directed to give a suitable job to the petitioner to sustain her livelihood and her three minor children on humanitarian ground within a period of two weeks from today.

The respondents are permitted to file affidavit-in-opposition within two weeks from date. Affidavit-in-reply thereto, if any, be filed by the petitioner within one week thereafter.

List the matter before the next available Circuit Bench.

Parties to act on the server copy of this order downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Lanusungkum Jamir, J.)