

HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA
AGARTALA

WP(C) No.418 of 2025

Smt. Subhra Kundu Chowdhury (64 years),

W/o- Late Satyendra Nath Pal,

R/o- School Bye Lane, Ward No. 07, BaruipurPuratan Thana, Post Office and Police
Station- Baruipur, District- South 24 Parganas, Pin- 700144.

.....Petitioner(s).

Vs.

1. The State of Tripura, represented by its Secretary, Govt. of Tripura, Department
of Higher Education, P.O- Agartala, District- West Tripura.

2. The Secretary, Govt. of Tripura, Department of Higher Education, P.O- Agartala,
District- West Tripura.

3. The Direction of Higher Education, Govt. of Tripura, 1st Floor Shiksha Bhavan,
Office Lane, Agartala, West Tripura, Pin- 799001.

4. The Principal, Ramthakur College, Badarghat, Agartala, West Tripura, Pin-
799003.

5. The Treasurer Officer, Agartala Treasury No. 1, West Tripura, Pin- 799007.

6. The Accountant General (A & E), Tripura, Agartala, Pin- 799006.

.....Respondent(s).

For Petitioner (s)	: Mrs. Sujata Deb (Gupta), Advocate. Ms. Ankita Saha, Advocate.
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For Respondent(s)	: Mr. Pradyumna Gautam, Senior G.A. Mr. Debalay Bhattacharya, Senior Advocate. Mr. A. Chakraborty, Advocate.
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Date of hearing and date of
delivery of Judgment & Order : **20th January, 2026**

Whether fit for reporting : **NO**

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. DATTA PURKAYASTHA

JUDGMENT & ORDER (Oral)

Heard learned counsel of both sides.

Already scope was given to respondent Nos.4 & 5 to submit the
counter-affidavit but they failed to avail the opportunity.

No further scope will be given to them.

With consent of both the sides the matter is taken up for disposal.

Heard both sides at length.

One Satyendra Nath Pal was working as Reader at Ramthakur College and he went on superannuation on 30.06.1998. The name of his first wife was Sandhya Pal, who died a natural death on 06.05.2004 and she was issueless. Thereafter, said Satyendra Nath Pal re-married Smti Subhra Kundu Chowdhury, the present petitioner herein.

Learned counsel of the petitioner refers to a letter dated 07.03.2007, wherein the Senior Accounts Officer of the Office of the Senior Deputy Accountant General (A&E), Tripura, sent a communication to the Treasury Officer, Agartala Treasury No.1, West Tripura, for inclusion of the name of the present petitioner as 'Subhra Kundu Choudhury' for her entitlement of family pension after the death of Satyendra Nath Pal. Said Satyendra Nath Pal died on 19.02.2024, as revealed from the Death Certificate (Annexure-7 to the writ petition) issued by the competent authority.

Now, it is the grievance of the petitioner that as because her name was mentioned as "Subhra Kundu Choudhury" in place of "Subhra Kundu Chowdhury", no family pension was disbursed to her after the death of her husband. Therefore, the present writ petition has been filed.

Mr. Debalay Bhattacharya, learned senior counsel representing respondent No.6, refers to a corrigendum issued by the Office of Accountant General, Tripura, Agartala, for reading the name of the pensioner, i.e. the present petitioner as "Subhra Kundu Chowdhury" in place of "Subhra Kundu Choudhury" wherever such name appears. As it appears that the said corrigendum was issued to the self-representation by the family pensioner, Subhra Kundu Chowdhury, and based on the supporting documents, i.e. marriage certificate, admit card, affidavit and Form No.14. In view of the above said position, learned senior counsel submits that there is no impediment now for the petitioner to receive the family pension of her husband and therefore, necessary directions may be issued to the State-respondents to act accordingly in view of the aforesaid corrigendum issued from the Office of the Accountant General (A&E), Tripura.

Mr. Pradyumna Gautam, learned senior G.A. submits that the State-respondents have not objected earlier on any occasion to the disbursement of such family pension to the present petitioner, as the matter of such disbursement lies with the Office of the Accountant General. Learned senior G.A. also submits that the State-respondents will not have any objection if the Treasury Officer acts accordingly in terms of the corrigendum issued by the Accountant General.

Considered the submissions of both sides.

As it appears the Office of the Accountant General has already clarified that the name of the family pensioner would be 'Subhra Kundu Chowdhury' and not 'Subhra Kundu Choudhury' and therefore, in view of the above said corrigendum issued by the Office of Accountant General and also in view of the submissions made by both the sides, the respondent Nos.4 & 5 are directed to act upon said corrigendum and to take necessary steps for disbursement of the family pension in favour of the present petitioner within 4(four) weeks of receipt of copy of this judgment along with arrear, if any.

With the above observations and directions, the writ petition stands disposed of. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

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JUDGE