

29.07.2025  
Item No.10  
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**WPA 16435 of 2025**  
**Lakshmi Kanta Sarkar @ Laxmi Kanta**  
**Sarkar**  
**-vs-**  
**State of West Bengal and Ors.**

Mr. Subhrakanti Samanta  
...for the petitioner

Mr. Amal Sen,  
Mr. Abhishek Banerjee  
... for the State

Affidavit of service filed by the  
petitioner be kept with the record.

The writ application has been  
preferred praying for direction upon the  
Certificate Officer to dispose of the  
certificate proceedings expeditiously.

On hearing the learned counsel  
appearing for the parties and the materials  
on record, it appears that a certificate  
under Section 8 of the Payment of Gratuity  
Act, 1972 was issued to the Collector and  
District Magistrate, Hooghly by the  
Controlling Authority on 30.7.2024.

It appears that the certificate  
officer, Hooghly vide a hearing notice dated  
24.2.2025 has taken steps for hearing.  
Five long months have passed but there is  
no further progress in the proceedings.

Accordingly, the writ application is disposed of with the direction that the Certificate Officer, Chandanngore, Hooghly shall make all endeavour to dispose of the proceedings before it within 60 days from the date of communication of this order in accordance with law.

The District Magistrate and the Collector, Hooghly is requested to supervise that the proceedings are completed in accordance with law as per the order of this Court.

WPA 16435 of 2025 stands disposed of.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the learned counsel for the parties on usual undertakings.

. ( **Shampa Dutt (Paul), J.**  )