

21.11.2025
Sl. No. 43
Subrata
Bhattacharyya

AR(C)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

WPA No.26180 of 2025

Maya Rani Bera
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Sudipta Maiti ... for the petitioner

Mr. Jaydeep Banerjee
Mr. Manoj Kumar Mondal ...for the State

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.
2. The husband of the petitioner was a Group D staff of a Secondary School who retired from service on November 30, 2000 and expired on June 3, 2004.
3. The State Government published the Government Order No. 749-SE(L)/55-56/13(Pt.V) on 13th June, 2014 pursuant to which the staff had the option to join GPF scheme upon refund of the employer's share of provident fund.
4. As the husband of the petitioner expired prior to the publication of the State Government Order, accordingly, he could not avail the said benefit. The petitioner, being the widow, intends to avail the benefit of the aforesaid Government order.

5. The Court in similar circumstances permitted the widow of the deceased staff to exercise option in terms of the aforesaid Government order.
6. Reliance has been placed on the order dated 6th March, 2024 passed by a coordinate Bench in WPA 3480 of 2024 (Manjushri Mondal Vs. The State of West Bengal & Ors.).
7. Reliance has also been placed on the order dated 24th August, 2023 passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench in FMA 620 of 2018 (CAN 1 of 2017) in the matter of State of West Bengal & Ors. Vs. Sefali Jana & Ors.).
8. In line with the above decisions the instant writ petition is disposed of by directing the District Inspector of Schools (SE), Paschim Medinipur to process the application filed by the petitioner as expeditiously as possible.
9. The amount of money that is to be refunded by the petitioner shall be calculated and communicated to the petitioner within a period of two weeks from the date of communication of this order.
10. Upon the petitioner complying all formalities including refund of deposit of employer's share of provident fund along with interest and additional interest, fresh Pension Payment Order shall be issued in her favour within a month thereafter.
11. The arrear of pension and family pension from the date of retirement of the employee shall be released to the petitioner

within two months from the date of issuance of the Pension Payment Order.

12. The writ petition stands disposed of.
13. Certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

[Amrita Sinha, J]