

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
(Appellate Side)

W.P.A. 26980 OF 2025

Md. Faruke Qureshi
VS.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Srinjay Sengupta,
Mr. Saurav Roy,
Mr. Ankush Ghosh,
Mr. Prasenjit Jana
...for the Petitioner.

Ms. Prativa Ghatak
...for the State.

Mr. Niladri Bhattacharjee,
Ms. Deblina Chattaraj,
Mr. Shraman Mukherjee
...for WBTC.

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. Petitioner was an employee of West Bengal Transport Corporation Limited, who retired on superannuation on 31st December, 2023.
3. It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that petitioner was under contributory provident fund scheme and after retirement provident fund was released in favour of the petitioner belatedly as a result whereof petitioner prays for issuance of direction upon the concerned respondent authorities to release interest on provident fund dues.
4. West Bengal Transport Corporation Limited and the State respondents are represented by learned advocates.

5. Since it is found that West Bengal Transport Corporation Limited caused delay in releasing provident fund, said authority is directed to pay interest at the rate of 6 per cent *per annum* on provident fund dues from the date following the date of retirement till the date of payment within a period of three (3) months from the date of communication of this order.
6. In the event concerned respondent authority fails to pay interest on provident fund dues in terms of the aforesaid directions within the stipulated time, respondent authority shall be required to pay 8 per cent interest *per annum* on deferred payment.
7. With the aforesaid directions writ petition stands disposed of.
8. Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(SAUGATA BHATTACHARYYA, J.)