

Form No.J(2)

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
Jalpaiguri Circuit Bench**

Present: The Hon'ble Justice Aniruddha Roy

WPA 222 OF 2025

Lakshmi Ghosh
Vs.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

For the Petitioner : Mr. Anirban Chakraborty, Adv.
Ms. Taniya Bhounik, Adv.

For the State : Mr. Hirak Barman, Adv.
Mr. Bikash Singha, Adv.

Heard on : 10.09.2025

Judgment on : 10.09.2025

Aniruddha Roy, J.

Affidavit of service filed in Court today, is taken on record.

Pursuant to the 2nd PPO issued by the **D.P.P.G.** on **24.12.2020**, the commuted value of pension was released to the petitioner on **04.02.2021**. The writ petitioner retired from service on **28.02.2019**.

It is an admitted position that the interest accrues to an employee on delayed payment of lawful retiral benefits.

The aforesaid position is a settled law in catena of decisions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

In that view of the matter, the concerned Treasury Officer to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of 7% per annum from the next date of his retirement on the actual amount of commuted pension released to him until **04.02.2021**. The said amount shall be released to the petitioner within one month into his pension payable Bank Account.

In default of payment of the interest component as indicated hereinabove within the stipulated period, the rate of interest shall stand increased to 8% per annum.

On the above terms, this writ petition being **WPA 222 of 2025** stands **disposed of**, without any order as to costs.

Photostat certified of this order, if applied for, be furnished expeditiously.

(Aniruddha Roy, J.)

D. Das, P.A.