

**25.02.2026**  
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**Sl. No. 06**  
**Ct. No. 03**

**WPA 1004 of 2026**

**Akashi Hajra**  
**Vs.**  
**The State of West Bengal & ors.**

**Mr. Biswaroop Biswas**  
**Mr. Rohan Paul**

**..... for the petitioner**

**Mr. Ashis Kumar Chowdhury**  
**.... For the respondent Nos. 3-4**

**Mr. Tapas Kr. Dey**

**..... for the State**

1. The affidavit-of-service filed in Court today be taken on record.
2. The matter pertains to non disbursal of pensionary benefits of the petitioner. The petitioner was an employee of Sainthia Municipality. The petitioner was appointed as Night Soil Cleaner on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 1980. The petitioner had since retired from service on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023. Although the petitioner had made representations before the authority for disbursal of her terminal benefits, she is yet to be favoured with the same.
3. The learned advocate representing the municipality is present. It is submitted that the pension papers of the petitioner have already been processed at the end of the municipality and have also been forwarded to the office of the Director of Local Bodies, Urban

Development and Municipal Affairs being the respondent No. 2 herein.

4. The State is represented by an advocate. He is, however, unable to enlighten this Court as to the status of the petitioner's claim. He also has no instructions as to whether the municipality had in fact processed the petitioner's pension papers at their end.
5. Having heard the learned advocates appearing for the respective parties and considering the materials on record, I am of the view that the matter should be expeditiously processed since the petitioner has already retired from service on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2023. Accordingly, I direct both the municipality as also the respondent No. 2 to act in tandem and ensure that all documents in relation to the petitioner's terminal benefits are processed and an early resolution of petitioner's claim is arrived at. It is expected that the authority shall take expeditious steps for resolving the claim and bring the same to an early resolution, not later than 8 weeks from the date of communication of this order.
6. It is, however, made clear that this Court has not entered into the controversy between the parties and it shall be open to the respondents to take a decision in accordance with law.
7. Since, no affidavit-in-opposition has been called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted by the respondents.

8. With the above observations and directions, the writ petition is disposed of.

**(Raja Basu Chowdhury, J.)**