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WPA 5560 of 2026
(Shakuntala Das vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Ms. Arpita Saha
.... **For the Petitioner**
Ms. Joyee Maity
.... **For the State**

Supplementary affidavit filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

The husband of the petitioner was a Secretary of Sahaband Chakgram Panchayat who died in harness on 17th May, 2021. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time, pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 16th February, 2023. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed on 22nd March, 2023. The petitioner seeks interest on the gratuity amount and arrear pension paid to her due to delay in disbursement of the same.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Malda-I, being the 2nd and 4th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 18th May, 2021 till the date of actual payment. Such payment

shall be made within two months from the date of communication of this order.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit has been invited, allegations contained in the writ petition shall be deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on compliance of requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)