

March 31, 2026

(9) ARDR

WPA 7601 of 2026

Surya Sankar Kundu

Vs.

The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Arpita Saha,

...for the petitioner.

Adv. Sanat Kumar Biswas,

...for the State.

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner was appointed as Driver in the West Bengal Comprehensive Area Development Corporation, Aranghata Project and superannuated on 30th June, 2008.

Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority in his favour on 16th May, 2013. The gratuity amount and arrear pension amount were disbursed in his favour on 16th July, 2013.

The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity amount and arrear pension paid to him due to delay in disbursal 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 and the Treasury Officer, Ranaghat, being the 2nd and 4th respondent herein, are directed to pay interest to the

petitioner at the rate of eight per cent per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 1st July, 2008 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such amount shall be paid within two months from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observation and direction the writ petition is disposed of.

There shall however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)