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**WPA 8365 of 2026**  
**(Rina Begam vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)**

**Ms. Arpita Saha**  
.... **For the Petitioner**  
**Mr. Ramchandra Guchhait**  
.... **For the State**

The husband of the petitioner was appointed as Secretary of the Alinagar Gram Panchayat and died on harness on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2023. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time, pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2023. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. The petitioner seeks 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, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Malda-I, being the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 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.)**