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16.04.2026
Ct. No.15
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WPA 8449 of 2026

Minu Rani Ballav Mahapatra
Vs.
The State of W. B. & Ors.

Ms. Sudipa Banerjee ...for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhakti Prasad Das ...for the State.

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

None appears for the State despite Service.

Mr. Bhakti Prasad Das who usually appears for the State and is present in Court, is requested to represent the State in the matter. His appointment be regularized by the appropriate authority.

The petitioner is directed to serve copy of the writ petition along with annexure thereto upon Mr. Das in course of this day.

The petitioner was appointed as Panchayat Sahayak under Belda-I Gram Panchayat and superannuated on 31st October, 2023. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 2nd August, 2024. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 31st December, 2024.

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, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Kharagpur, being the 2nd and 4th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 1st November, 2023 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment shall be made within two months from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions 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 writ 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.)