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rc/ct.no.15  
Item No.08

**WPA No. 9191 of 2026**  
**Birendra Nath Chattopadhyay**  
**Versus**  
**The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Anirban Chakraborty ..for the petitioner

Mr. Tapas Kumar Dey ...for the State

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

None appears for the State despite service.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner was appointed as Panchayat Karmee of Barraah Gram Panchayat and superannuated on June 30, 2024. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on May 15, 2025. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on May 22, 2025. The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity and arrear pension amount 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, Raghunathpur, being the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @8% per

annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from July 01, 2024 till the date of actual payment. Such payment be made within two months from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observation and direction, this 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)**