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WPA 10111 of 2026
(Goutam Kumar Sahoo vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury
.... For the Petitioner
Mr. Bhakti Prasad Das
.... For the State

None appears for the respondents despite service.

Mr. Bhakti Prasad Das, learned counsel who is present in Court and usually appears for the State is requested to represent the State in this matter. His appointment be regularised by the appropriate authority. The petitioner is directed to serve copy of the application along with annexure thereto upon Mr. Das in course of this day.

The petitioner was appointed as Gram Panchayat Sahayak in Changual Gram Panchayat and retired on 28th February, 2023. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time, pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 9th August, 2024. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed on 31st August, 2024. The petitioner seeks interest on the gratuity amount and arrear pension paid to him 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, Kharagpur, being the 3rd 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 1st March, 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.)