

April 28, 2026
(11) ARDR

WPA 10101 of 2026

Sushila Rani Jana
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Sreyasree Chowdhury,
Adv. Dipankar Ghosh,
...for the petitioner.
...for the State.

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

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner is the widow of Dibakar Jana who was appointed as approved Panchayat Karmee of Herambogopalpur Gram Panchayat and superannuated on 31st August, 2020. He expired on 19th September, 2022.

Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 14th June, 2022. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner 23rd November, 2022.

The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity amount 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, Kakdwip, being the 3rd and 4th respondents 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 September, 2020 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.)