

WPA 10170 of 2026
(Renuka Bibi vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Mr. Arun Khutia

.... For the Petitioner

Ms. Sanchayita De

.... For the State

None appears for the respondents despite service. Ms. Sanchayita De, learned counsel who is present in Court and usually appears for the State is requested to represent the State in this matter. Her appointment be regularised by the appropriate authority. The petitioner is directed to serve copy of the application along with annexure thereto upon Ms. De in course of this day.

The husband of the petitioner was appointed as Deputy Secretary of the Bhagwangola I Panchayat Samiti and retired on 31st May, 2016. The husband of the petitioner died on 20th May, 2022. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time, pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 1st July, 2016.

Subsequently, there was revision of payment of pension and gratuity amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA Rules, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on 3rd February, 2022. The revised gratuity and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 4th February, 2022.

The petitioner has prayed for interest on the revised 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, Lalbagh being the 2nd and 4th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 1st January, 2020 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.)