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WPA 10217 of 2026
(Papia Singha Roy vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Mr. Krishnapada Santra
.... **For the Petitioner**
Ms. Susmita Biswas Chowdhury
.... **For the State**

None appears for the respondents despite service.

Ms. Susmita Biswas Chowdhury, 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. Biswas Chowdhury in course of this day.

The husband of the petitioner was appointed as Sahayak of the Bhabuk Gram Panchayat and died in harness on 1st June, 2022. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time, pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 20th December, 2023. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed on 6th January, 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, Malda-I, being the 2nd 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 2nd June, 2022 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.)