

15th June, 2026

Item no.D/L 41
Court No. 18

Pradip, A.R.(Ct.)

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

Case No. **WPA 11791 of 2026**

In the matter of:

Jahanara Bibi

.... Petitioner

VS.

Coal India Limited & Ors.

....Respondents

For the Petitioner:

Ms. Tanusree Ghosh
Mr. Koushik Ray

....Advocates

For the ECL:

Ms. Puspall Chakraborty
Mr. Debabrata Das
Mr. Saptarshi Mukherjee

....Advocates

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.
2. The petitioner claims to be the widow of a deceased employee who was serving in the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL), Pandabeswar Area and expired on 25th June, 2008.
3. The petitioner submits that immediately after the death of her husband, she applied for compassionate appointment which stood rejected.
4. The petitioner applied for payment of Monthly Monetary Cash Compensation on completion of forty five years of age in the year 2020, the same is alleged to be kept pending.
5. Learned advocate representing ECL submits, upon instruction that, the petitioner will not be eligible for receiving the Monthly Monetary Cash Compensation.

6. Upon hearing the submission made on behalf of both the parties and on perusal of the documents annexed to the writ petition, it appears that no formal order has been passed by the authority upon consideration of the petitioner's prayer for grant of Monthly Monetary Cash Compensation.
7. Accordingly, the instant writ petition is disposed of by directing the General Manager, Eastern Coalfields Limited, Pandabeswar Area, being the respondent no. 5 herein to take a decision on the petitioner's prayer seeking grant of Monthly Monetary Cash Compensation on and from the next date of death of her husband strictly in accordance with the provision of NCWA at the earliest but positively within a period of twelve weeks from the date of communication of this order.
8. If the petitioner's prayer is allowed, then necessary consequential steps shall be taken by the authority without any further delay.
9. Learned advocate for the petitioner is directed to forward a copy of the representation along with all supporting documents to the aforesaid respondent at the time of communicating the order of this Court.
10. It is made clear that this Court has not entered into the merits of the claim of the petitioner and all points are left open to be decided by the aforesaid respondent at the time of consideration of the representation.
11. The writ petition stands disposed of.
12. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

13. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)