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WPA 12616 of 2026
(Chhabi Hansda & Ors. vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Ms. Sanchayita De
.... **For the Petitioners**
Mr. Madhu Jana
Ms. Puja Sonkar
.... **For the State**

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioners is taken on record.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioners are the legal heirs of Baidyanath Hansda who was appointed as Panchayat Karmee of Deko Gram Panchayat and died in harness on 12th February, 2025. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time, pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 19th November, 2025. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed on 19th December, 2025. The petitioners seek interest on the gratuity amount and arrear pension paid to them 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, Khatra, 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 13th February, 2025 till the date of actual payment. Such payment shall be made within one month 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.)