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WPA 13055 of 2026
(Pintu Patra & Anr. vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra
.... 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 Arun Patra
who was appointed as Karmee of Sandhipur Gram
Panchayat and died in harness on 7th December, 2018.

Despite completing all pension related
formalities within due time the pension payment order
was issued by the concerned authority on 27th July,
2020. The gratuity amount was disbursed on 3rd
September, 2020.

The petitioners have prayed for interest on the
gratuity amount 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, Midnapore, being the 2nd and 4th
respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the
petitioners @ 8% per annum on the gratuity amount

calculated from 8th December, 2018 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment shall be made within one month 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 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.)