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WPA 13136 of 2026
(Sushama Ghosh vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra
.... For the Petitioner
Mr. Madhu Jana
Ms. Puja Sonkar
.... For the State

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

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The husband of the petitioner was appointed as Sahayak of Bamunara Gram Panchayat. The husband of the petitioner died in harness on 17th May, 2022. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time, pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 30th June, 2023. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed on 14th July, 2023. The petitioner seeks interest on the gratuity amount and arrear pension paid to her 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, Burdwan-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 18th May, 2022 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.)