

WPA 13928 of 2026

Mala Das
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Arun Khutia,
...for the petitioner.
Adv. Madhu Jana,
Adv. Puja Sonkar,
...for the State.

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

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The husband of the petitioner was appointed as Panchayat Executive Assistant and retired on 31st August, 2016. He expired on 16th July 2018. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time, pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 5th September, 2016.

Subsequently, there was revision of payment of gratuity amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA Rules, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on 21st July, 2025. The revised gratuity and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 18th August, 2025.

The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity amount and arrear pension amount 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,

Jangipur, being the 2nd and 4th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of eight per cent per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 1st January, 2020 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such amount shall be paid 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 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.)