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Item No. 36
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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE**

**WPA 17791 of 2025
Rina Ray
vs.
State of West Bengal & ors.**

Mr. Kalyan Kumar Panda

... for the petitioner

Ms. Kakali Pal

... for the State

1. Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. By the present writ petition, the petitioner seeks for direction upon the respondent authorities to disburse interest on arrear family pension amount from 28th November, 2022 till the date of actual payment.
3. The petitioner contends that her father, late Abinash Chandra Majhi was an Assistant Teacher in the Srikantha (old) Primary School under Moyna Circle, District Purba Medinipur. The father of the petitioner retired from service on superannuation on 30th June, 1997 and died on 10th August, 2009. The pension was issued to the father of the petitioner. Upon demise of the father, the family pension was granted to the mother of the petitioner viz. Rukmini Majhi who died on 2nd August, 2022. The petitioner's husband died on 27th November, 2022. On the prayer of the petitioner, being the widowed daughter of the

deceased employee, family pension was granted in her favour on 25th June, 2025. The arrear family pension was disbursed to the petitioner on 2nd July, 2025. Though the petitioner is entitled to family pension from 28th November, 2022, yet no interest on such arrear has been paid. Hence, this writ petition.

4. Mr. Kalyan Kumar Panda, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entitled to interest on delayed payment of arrear family pension amount from 28th November, 2022 till the date of actual payment.
5. None appears on behalf of the State despite service.
6. Ms. Kakali Pal, learned advocate who usually represents the State is requested to appear in this matter on behalf of the State. Let her appointment be regularised by the concerned authority.
7. Petitioner is directed to handover a copy of the writ petition alongwith all annexures to the learned advocate representing the State.
8. Ms. Pal, learned advocate representing the State does not raise any objection and leaves the matter to the discretion of the Court.
9. It is found that the petitioner became a widow on 27th November, 2022. The pension payment order has been issued on 25th June, 2025 in favour of the petitioner and the arrear family pension has been credited to the bank account of the petitioner on 2nd July, 2025. The petitioner is entitled to family pension

on and from 28th November, 2022. However, no interest on the arrear family pension has been paid from the date of her entitlement.

10. Accordingly, respondent no.2, Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and respondent no.4, Treasury Officer, Tamluk, Purba Medinipur are directed to disburse interest @ 8% per annum on the arrear family pension amount from 28th November, 2022 till the date of actual payment. Such payment shall be made within a period of 8 weeks from the date of communication of this order.
11. Learned advocate for the petitioner is directed communicate this order to respondent no.2, Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and respondent no.4, Treasury Officer, Tamluk, Purba Medinipur for necessary compliance.
12. With the above observations, **WPA 17791 of 2025** stands disposed of.
13. Since no affidavits have been called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to be not admitted.
14. Consequently, connected applications, if any, also stand disposed of.
15. Interim orders, if any, stand vacated.
16. There will be no order as to costs.

17. Urgent certified photostat copy of this order, if applied for, shall be given to the parties as expeditiously as possible on compliance of all necessary formalities.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)