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W.P.A. 29693 of 2025

Piyali Bose

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors. & Ors.

Mr. Srinjay Sengupta,
Mr. Saurav Roy,
Mr. Ankush Ghosh,
Mr. Prasenjit Jana

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Niladri Bhattacharjee,
Ms. Deblina Chattaraj,
Mr. Poulami Chattopadhyay

....for the West Bengal Transport Corporation.

Mr. Tapas Kumar Dey

....for the State.

Ms. Debosri Chatterjee

....for the WBSEDCL.

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf the petitioner is taken on record.
2. Husband of the petitioner was employee of West Bengal Transport Corporation who died-in-harness on 9th November, 2023.
3. Learned advocate representing the petitioner submits that there was considerable delay in releasing death benefits to the petitioner after death of her husband.
4. It is submitted that benefits towards death gratuity, provident fund and leave encashment were paid to the petitioner on 21st March, 2024.
5. West Bengal Transport Corporation and State respondents are represented by learned advocates.

6. As it is found delay occurred in releasing benefits to the petitioner due to untimely death of her husband, petitioner is entitled to receive interest on those benefits.
7. Hence, concerned authority of West Bengal Transport Corporation is directed to pay interest @ 6% *per annum* on death gratuity, provident fund and leave encashment from the date following the date of death of husband of the petitioner till the date of release of the amount by three months from the date of communication of this order.
8. In the event of default in making payment of interest on aforesaid amount within time stipulated hereinabove, respondent authority shall be liable to pay interest @ 8% *per annum* on death benefits.
9. If necessary, State respondents shall provide fund to the Corporation for making payment in terms of the aforesaid direction.
10. The writ petition stands disposed of.
11. There shall be no order as to costs.
12. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the learned Advocates for the parties on the usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)