2026:AHC:210701

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

WRIT - A No. - 15978 of 2026

Smt. Ilaichi Devi And Another

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union Of India And 4 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Mukesh Kumar
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	A.S.G.I., Ashok Kumar Singh, Gyan Prakash Shrivastava

Court No. - 32

HON'BLE DINESH PATHAK, J.

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners; Sri Gyan Prakash Shrivastava, learned counsel for the Central Bank of India (respondent nos. 2 to 5), and perused the record on Board.

2. This writ petition has been filed, *inter alia*, seeking the following reliefs:

> *"i. Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus commanding the respondent no. 2 to pay interest at the rate of 12% per annum on the ex-gratia amount of Rs. 7,00,000/- which has been paid to the petitioners belatedly from the date of death of her husband i.e. 10.07.2006 till the actual date of payment.*
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> *ii. Issue a writ order or direction, which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper under the circumstances of the case."*

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the issue with regard to the payment of interest on the delayed payment of the *ex-gratia* amount has already been settled by this Court vide order dated 21.12.2023 passed in Writ-A No. 7332 of 2023 (Smt. Sharda Devi v. General Manager, State Bank of India and others). It is further submitted that, on the premise of the aforesaid judgment, the claim of the present petitioners for payment of interest on the delayed payment of the *ex-gratia* amount may be decided.

4. Having regard to the innocuous prayer made on behalf of the petitioners, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the present petition pending. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to finally dispose of the present petition with the

direction that the petitioners shall be at liberty to move a fresh representation ventilating their grievances raised in the instant petition within a period of three weeks from today, along with a certified copy of this order and a self-attested copy of the instant writ petition, before the Regional Manager (respondent no. 2). Upon receipt of the said representation, respondent no. 2 shall consider and decide the same, by passing a reasoned and speaking order, in accordance with law, after taking into consideration the judgment dated 21.12.2023 passed by this Court in Writ-A No. 7332 of 2023 (Smt. Sharda Devi Vs. General Manager, State Bank of India and others), expeditiously, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt thereof.

5. With the aforesaid directions and observations, present writ petition stands **disposed of.**

October 8, 2026
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(Dinesh Pathak,J.)

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