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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
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WPO/441/2026

KANU DEBNATH
VS
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS

BEFORE:
The Hon'ble JUSTICE REETOBROTO KUMAR MITRA
Date : 25th September, 2026

Appearance:
Mr. Debdutta Basu, Adv.
Ms. S. Nandan, Adv.
...for the petitioner

Mr. Niladri Bhattacharjee, Adv.
Ms. Deblina Chttaraj, Adv.
Ms. Poulami Chattopadhyay, Adv.
...for the WBTC

Mr. Sourav Kumar Mukherjee, Adv.
Mr. N. G. Khaitan, Adv.
...for the State

The Court: The petitioner retired from service of Calcutta State Transport Corporation (in short, CSTC) on January 31, 2026. The retiral benefits of the petitioner was paid in tranches. The petitioner was paid 10% of the provident fund to the tune of Rs.4,02,000/- on April 27, 2026. Petitioner claims interest on such delayed payments.

In the aforesaid facts and circumstances, after hearing the parties and considering the materials on record, I find that the petitioner is entitled to receive interest on Rs.4,02,000/- paid on account of provident fund from February 1, 2026 till April 27, 2026 at the rate of 6% per annum. The payment of the principal as also the interest shall be made within a period of three months from the date of communication of a server copy of this order. The

CSTC is directed to pay the balance of the unpaid provident fund amount with interest from February 1, 2026 until the actual payment thereof @ 6% per annum, in default whereof, the entire sum will attract interest @ 8% per annum.

Nothing further remains to be adjudicated in this wit petition. The same is accordingly disposed of.

Since I have not called for any affidavits, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed to have not been admitted by the respondents.

All parties including the CSTC shall act on the basis of the server copy of this order without insisting upon production of a certified copy thereof.

(REETOBROTO KUMAR MITRA, J.)

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