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The Hon'ble Justice Soumitra Pal (Chairman)
& The Hon'ble Mr. Subesh Kumar Das (Administrative Member)

Case No –OA 88 OF 2016

ANJALI MAHATO Vs The State of West Bengal & Ors.

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	<p>for non-revalidation of the cheque by the authority concerned.</p> <p>Heard Mrs. S. Mitra, learned advocate for the applicant and also Mr. B. Mitra, the Departmental Representative of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal.</p> <p>There is no dispute that the applicant, the widow of Buchan Chandra Mahato, who had expired while in harness, is entitled to Rs. 50,695/-. However, it is evident from memo dated 20th December, 2000, issued by the Block Development Officer, Manbazar-I Development Block, Purulia, respondent no.3, appearing at page 14 of the original application, that the cheque could not be delivered to her as it could not be revalidated. The applicant prays for revalidation of the said cheque amounting to Rs. 50,695/-, lying with the authorities concerned and for payment of interest thereof at the prevalent rate of interest with regard to GPF.</p> <p>Having heard the parties and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, since by memo dated 29th December, 2000, the respondent no.3 had requested the Treasury Officer, Purulia, the respondent no.4 to revalidate the cheque, considering such fact, the Treasury Officer, Purulia, respondent no.4 is directed to revalidate</p>	

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SCN.	<p>the cheque amounting to Rs. 50,695/- (Rupees fifty thousand six hundred and ninety five only) towards final withdrawal of GPF amount within eight weeks from the date of presentation of a copy of this order. After the cheque is revalidated, the Block Development Officer, Manbazar-I Development Block, Purulia, respondent no.3 shall hand over the cheque to the applicant within four weeks thereafter.</p> <p>So far the payment of interest on the delayed payment of the said amount of Rs. 50,695/- (Rupees fifty thousand six hundred and ninety five only) is concerned, the Block Development Officer, Manbazar-I Development Block, Purulia, respondent no.3 shall calculate the interest on the said amount of Rs. 50,695/- from 1st September, 2000 to 31st August, 2018 at the prevalent rate of interest with regard to GPF within eight weeks from the date of presentation of copy of the order and shall intimate the respondent no.4 and thereafter shall take necessary action for disbursement of interest within twelve weeks.</p> <p>It is made clear that this payment and revalidation of cheque shall be made after verifying the records. The application is disposed of.</p> <p>(S.K. Das) MEMBER (A)</p> <p>(Soumitra Pal) CHAIRMAN</p>	