

Ct. 05
Item No.161
01.10.2021
(sayandeep)

WPA 9478 of 2021

(VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE)

Anjana Bhattacharya
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Anjan Bhattacharya
.....for the petitioner
Mr. Lal Mohan Basu
.....for the State

Affidavit-of-service filed in Court today is
taken on record.

Petitioner is a retired teacher who retired
on superannuation on 31st July, 2019 and
the Pension Payment Order was issued on
23rd November, 2020 and as per the said
Pension Payment Order, retiral dues
including gratuity were paid to the writ
petitioner on 14th January, 2021. Writ
petitioner claims interest on delayed payment
of gratuity.

The entitlement of the writ petitioner to
interest on delayed payment of gratuity due to
superannuation has already been decided in
the writ petition being WP No. 4600(W) of
2019 **(Rabindra Kumar Bhattacharjee vs.**
State of West Bengal and Ors.) wherein
upon placing reliance on judgment of the

Apex Court in the case of **Union of India vs. Tarsem Singh, reported in (2008) 8 SCC 648** on condoning delay in approaching the Court for payment of interest on gratuity the said writ petition was allowed by extending the benefit on delayed payment of gratuity upon due consideration of the fact that there is no accrual of third party interest and matter relates to payment of retiral dues.

Taking note of the observations made by the coordinate Bench in the order dated 17th April, 2019 passed in WP No. 4600(W) of 2019 (**Rabindra Kumar Bhattacharjee vs. State of West Bengal and Ors.**) this Court finds it apposite to grant interest on gratuity to the writ petitioner due to delay in releasing the said amount.

Accordingly, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer are directed to pay interest at the rate of **Rs.8%** per annum to the writ petitioner on delayed payment of gratuity from the date following the date of retirement of the writ petitioner till the date of actual disbursement of the gratuity amount, within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

Since no affidavit is called for the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

All parties to act on the server copy of this order downloaded from the official website of this Hon'ble Court.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, is to be given to the parties upon compliance with the necessary formalities.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)