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**In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side**

W.P.A. 19836 of 2021

**Arati Rani Maji
-versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

**Mr. Banshi Badan Maity
...For the Petitioner.**

**Ms. Nilofer Siddique Alam
... For the State.**

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

The husband of the petitioner was an approved Assistant Teacher of Bamanagar F.P. School, P.O. Bamanagar, District- South 24-Parganas. He retired from service on 31.03.1992. He died on 23.02.2002. The Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the husband of the petitioner on 22.10.2002 and the husband of the petitioner received the arrear pension amount on 11.03.2004.

The petitioner, being the widow, prays for interest on account of the delayed payment of the terminal benefits.

In the present case, it is noticed that the petitioner has approached this Court long after the Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of her husband and payment made in accordance with the same.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Union of India –vs- Tarsem Singh reported in (2008) 8 SCC 648 clearly laid down that in so far as consequential relief of recovery of arrear for a past period is concerned the relief shall be restricted only to a period of three years prior to the filing of the writ petition or from the date of demand made by the petitioner.

In the instant case, the petitioner did not raise any demand before the respondents praying for release of interest on account of delay in making payment. The petitioner directly approached this Court praying for interest, that too, long after the PPO was issued.

There is no explanation given with regard to the inordinate delay in filing the writ petition.

In view of the above, the Court is not inclined to exercise jurisdiction in the matter and grant any relief in favour of the petitioner.

The writ petition is dismissed.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order be supplied to the parties, if applied for, as early as possible.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)