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(S/L-14)
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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE**

WPA 20085 of 2022

**Kamalendu Sing
-versus-
The State of West Bengal & ors.**

Mr. Sourav Mitra,
Mr. Satyaranjan Kundu,
Ms. Sudipa Biswas,
... for the petitioner.

Mr. Somnath Mukhopadhyay,
... for the State.

Affidavit-of-service filed by the learned
advocate for the petitioner be kept with the
record.

The petitioner was an approved assistant
teacher of a secondary school and retired from
his service on superannuation on June 30,
2020.

The Pension Payment Order of the
petitioner was issued on August 21, 2021 in
pursuance whereof he received the gratuity
and the arrear Pension on September 16,
2021.

In the instant writ petition the prayer of the petitioner is a writ of mandamus be issued commanding the respondents to pay interest on the said amount of arrear pension and gratuity for the delayed payment.

It is now well settled that the petitioner is entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

The respondents, the concerned Treasury Officer in particular are, therefore, directed to pay interest @ 8% per annum on the arrear amount of pension and gratuity from the date of retirement of the petitioner till the date of such payment.

The payment as aforesaid shall be made within the period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order, in default the said arrear amount shall fetch an additional interest of 2% per annum.

W.P.A. 20085 of 2022 stands disposed of, with the above directions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties subject to compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Biswajit Basu, J.)

