

23.11.2022  
Item No.41  
Court No.18  
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**W.P.A. 25051 of 2022**

**Chitrangada Mukherjee**  
**-Vs-**  
**The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Sourav Mitra,  
Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury  
.....for the petitioner.  
Ms. Kum Kum Das  
... 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 her  
said service on superannuation on November 30,  
2021.

The Pension Payment Order of the petitioner  
was issued on February 22, 2022 in pursuance  
whereof she received the gratuity and the arrear  
Pension on August 31, 2022.

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.

Learned advocate for the State-respondents  
does not oppose the prayer of the petitioner.

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. 25051 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.)**