

01.12.2022  
(D/L-69)  
Ct.-18  
(Susanta)

W.P.A. 25121 of 2022

Rama Bhowmick  
-Vs-  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mrs. Sabita Khutia (Bhunya)  
Mr. Krishan Pada Santra,  
.... 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 January  
31, 2018.

The Pension Payment Order of the  
petitioner was issued on January 27, 2019 in  
pursuance whereof she received the gratuity and  
arrear pension on February 18, 2019.

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 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 gratuity and arrear amount of pension 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. 25121 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.)**