

02.12.2022
Item No.120
Court No.18
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W.P.A. 25184 of 2022

**Sujit Kumar Pratihar
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Sudipa Banerjee
.....for the petitioner.
Mr. P. K. Bhattacharyya
... for the State.

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

The petitioner was an approved Head Master of
a secondary school and retired from his said service
on superannuation on October 31, 2021.

The Pension Payment Order of the petitioner
was issued on March 09, 2022 in pursuance whereof
he received the gratuity and the arrear Pension on
August 02, 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 gratuity and the arrear pension 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 the

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. 25184 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.)