

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction**

**WPA No. 547 of 2022
Surendra Nath Oraon
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Tuhina Ghosh ...for the Petitioner

Mr. S. K. Saha
Mr. Momenur Rahman ...for the State

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

The petitioner was an approved Head Teacher of a Primary School and superannuated on April 30, 2019. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the 2nd respondent on February 22, 2021. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on March 05, 2021. The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity and arrear pension amount due to delay in disbursal of the same.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the concerned authority is directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from May 01, 2019 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment be

made within one month from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions this writ petition being WPA No. 547 of 2022 is disposed of.

There shall be, however, no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to be admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be furnished to the parties upon compliance of necessary formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh,J)