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Item No.67

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

**WPA No. 609 of 2022
Pratima Das
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Deboshri Dhar ...for the Petitioner

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh
Mr. Pretom Das ...for the State

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

The husband of the petitioner was appointed as High School Assistant Teacher and superannuated on 31.01.1999. The husband of the petitioner breathed his last on 16.10.2002. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 29.01.2002. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed on 04.04.2002. The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity and arrear pension amount due to delay in disbursement of the same.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Jalpaiguri II are directed to pay interest to the petitioner

@ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 01.02.1999 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 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)