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Item No.97

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

**WPA No. 1183 of 2022
Kusum Lulam
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Deboshri Dhar ...for the Petitioner

Mr. Subir Kumar Saha ...for the State

Affidavit of service filed in court today is kept with the record.

The husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher of a High School who died-in-harness on 18.12.2019. The petitioner completed all his pension related formalities. However, the concerned authorities released arrear pension amount on 15.03.2021. The petitioner herein seeks interest to be paid on the arrear pension amount for the interim period of delay in receipt of the arrear pension amount.

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, Darjeeling are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 19.12.2019 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 these observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

Since, no affidavit-in-opposition has been called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to have not been admitted by the respondents.

There will be no order as to costs.

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

(Suvra Ghosh,J)