

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

**WPA No. 1208 of 2022  
Lucas Sinha  
Versus  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Deborshi Dhar ...for the Petitioner

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh ...for the State

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

The petitioner was a Group 'D' of a High School and superannuated on 29.02.2020. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent on 16.07.2020. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 12.10.2020. 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 Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Darjeeling is directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension

amount calculated from 01.03.2020 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)**