

25.01.2023
(D/L-80)
Ct.-18
(Susanta)

W.P.A. 192 of 2023

Somnath Chakraborty
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sabita Khutia (Bhunya),
Mr. Krishana Pada Santra,
.... For the Petitioner.
Md. Abu Reja Jagulul Kabir,
.... For the State.

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

The petitioner was an approved Librarian of
a secondary school and retired from his said
service on superannuation on May 31, 2018.

The Pension Payment Order of the
petitioner was issued on April 29, 2022 in
pursuance whereof he received the gratuity and
arrear pension on May 15, 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 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 arrear 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. 192 of 2023 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.)