

25.01.2023
(D/L-87)
Ct.-18
(Susanta)

W.P.A. 218 of 2023

Sumita Bhattacharya
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sabita Khutia (Bhunya),
Mr. Krishana Pada Santra,
.... For the Petitioner.

.... For the Petitioner.
Ms. Kumkum Das,
.... For the State.

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

The petitioner was an approved Assistant
Teacher of a secondary school and retired from
her said service on superannuation on
December 31, 2020.

The Pension Payment Order of the
petitioner was issued on February 20, 2022 in
pursuance whereof she received the gratuity and
arrear pension on April 24, 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. 218 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.)