

09.08.2023  
Item No.120  
Court No.18  
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**W.P.A. 1982 of 2023**

**Bhagbat Chandra Patra  
-Vs-  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Banshi Badan Maity  
.....for the petitioner.

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

In spite of service none appears on behalf of the  
State-respondents.

The petitioner was an approved Headmaster of  
a secondary school and retired from his said service  
on superannuation on August 31, 2020.

The Pension Payment Order of the petitioner  
was issued on January 11, 2021 in pursuance  
whereof he received the gratuity and the arrear  
Pension on July 02, 2021.

The petitioner is praying that a writ of  
mandamus be issued commanding the respondents  
to pay interest on the said amount of gratuity and  
the arrear pension for the delayed payment.

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 the  
arrear amount of 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. 1982 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.)**