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W.P.A. 9236 of 2021

Sandha Rani Koley
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Amit Kumar Bayen
... for the petitioner

The affidavit-of-service filed by the learned Advocate for the petitioner in Court today be kept with the record.

The learned Advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's husband was a teacher of a school and retired from service on 31.10.1995 and died on 17.11.2001. Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the husband of the petitioner on 22.08.2001 and arrear pension and gratuity amount of the husband of the petitioner was released on 12.04.2002.

Although the petitioner was entitled to payment of pensionary benefit from the date of her retirement, the same was not paid. By presenting this writ petition, the petitioner prays for an order on the respondents to award interest on delayed payment of arrear pension & gratuity.

I have heard the learned Advocate for the petitioner and have also considered the orders

passed by different Hon'ble Judges on the writ petitions involving similar issues.

In view thereof, this writ petition stands disposed of with a direction upon the respondents and particularly the concerned Treasury Officer to pay interest to the petitioner on arrear pension and gratuity amount @ 9% per annum from the next date of retirement of the husband of the petitioner till the date of actual payment within 16 weeks from the date of service of an authenticated copy of this order failing which, additional interest @ 2% per annum shall be payable to the petitioner.

There will be no order as to costs.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties, on priority basis.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)