

09.08.2023
Item No.32
Court No.18
AJ.

W.P.A. 10124 of 2023

Barun Ghosh Dastidar
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Sudipa Biswas.
.....for the petitioner.

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

None appears on behalf of the State respondents in spite of service.

The wife of the petitioner was an approved Assistant Teacher of a secondary school and died-in-harness on June 18, 2021.

The Pension Payment Order of the employee concerned was issued on September 21, 2022 in pursuance whereof the petitioner received the gratuity and the arrear Pension on December 02, 2022.

The petitioner is praying that a writ of mandamus be issued commanding the respondents to pay interest on the said amount of arrear pension and gratuity 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 arrear amount of pension and gratuity from the date of death of the concerned employee 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. 10124 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.)