

09.08.2023
(D/L-67)
Ct.-18
(Susanta)

W.P.A. 15723 of 2023

Rina Nandi
-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 husband of the petitioner was an approved Non-Teaching Staff (Group-'D') of a Secondary school and retired from his service on superannuation on November 30, 2018 and died on October 12, 2021.

The Pension Payment Order of the employee concerned was issued on May 16, 2023 in pursuance whereof the petitioner received the gratuity and arrear pension on June 02, 2023.

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 for the delayed payment.

It is now well settled that the petitioners are entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

The respondents, the concerned Treasury Officer in particular are, therefore, directed to pay interest @ 8% per annum gratuity and arrear pension from the date of retirement of the employee concerned 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 15723 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.)