

13.10.2023
Item No.133
Court No.18
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W.P.A. 19621 of 2023

Lalita Sarkar
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra
.....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
Clerk of a secondary school and died-in-harness on
March 07, 2020.

The Pension Payment Order of the employee
concerned was issued on September 01, 2021 in
pursuance whereof the petitioner received the
gratuity and the arrear family Pension on September
14, 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 family 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 family pension from the date of

death 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. 19621 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.)