

13.10.2023
Item No.66
Court No.18
AJ.

W.P.A. 20329 of 2023

Hiranmoyee Samanta
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mrs. Debjani Sahu,
Mr. Arun Khutia.
.....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 husband of the petitioner was an approved Assistant Teacher of a secondary school who died-in-harness on January 01, 2017.

The Pension Payment Order of the concerned employee was issued on November 21, 2017 in pursuance whereof the petitioner received the gratuity and arrear family pension on December 08, 2017.

In the instant writ petition the prayer of the petitioner is that a writ of mandamus be issued commanding the respondents to pay interest on the said amount of gratuity and 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 arrear family pension amount from the date of death of the teacher 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. 20329 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.)