

10.05.2023
(M/L-167)
Ct.-18
(Susanta)

W.P.A. 24699 of 2022

Rekha De
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sudipta Maiti,
.... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Samsul Kabir Humayan Reza
.... For the State.

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

The petitioner was an approved non-teaching staff (Clerk) of a secondary school and retired from her said service on superannuation on July 31, 2011.

The Pension Payment Order of the petitioner was issued on April 27, 2012 in pursuance whereof she received the gratuity on July 26, 2012.

The petitioner is praying that a writ of mandamus be issued commanding the respondents to pay interest on the said amount of gratuity for the delayed payment.

Learned advocate for the State-respondents does not oppose the prayer of the petitioner.

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 amount of gratuity from the date of retirement of the petitioner 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. 24699 of 2022 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.)