

20.01.2023
Item No. ML 261
Dt. 02.01.2023
Court No.18
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W.P.A. 25569 of 2022

Sikha Hazra
-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
Assistant Teacher of a secondary school and died-in-
harness on September 29, 2017.

The Pension Payment Order of the employee
concerned was issued on September 05, 2019 in
pursuance whereof the petitioner received the
gratuity and the arrear family Pension on September
16, 2019.

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 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. 25569 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.)