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Sukumar Banerjee

-Versus-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sandip Ghosh

Ms. Arpita Saha

...For the Petitioner

Mr. Subhendu Sengupta

...For the State Respondents

Learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that getting the pensionary benefits is the legal right of the petitioner and pensionary amount is his property. He further submits that as per the Nationalised Savings Scheme for senior citizens, any deposit is made by a senior citizen now carries interest at the rate of 8% p.a. He further submits that

had the petitioner received his pensionary benefits in time, the amount, which he would have received, would carry interest at the rate of 8% p.a. As such learned Counsel for the petitioner prays for interest at the rate of 8% p.a.

Having heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and on consideration of the documents annexed to the writ petition, I feel that the writ petition may be disposed of by passing the following direction.

Accordingly, the concerned respondent, especially the third respondent – the Treasury Officer, Tamluk, P.O. & P.S. Tamluk, District – Purba Medinipur – is directed to pay interest at the rate of 8% p.a. on the delayed payment of revised gratuity and arrear pension from September 16, 2020 till the date of final payment, within six weeks from the date of communication of this order.

With the aforesaid direction, WPA No. 25621 of 2022 stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

All parties are to act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this court.

Urgent photostat copy of the order, if applied for, be supplied to the appellant on priority basis on compliance of necessary formalities, on priority basis.

(Rabindranath Samanta, J.)