

07-08-2023
Court No.2
Sh/107.

**In The High Court At Calcutta
Jalpaiguri Circuit Bench**

W.P.A. 1048 of 2023

**Pankaj Pradhan.
-Vs-
State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Anirban Chakraborty.
..For the Petitioner.
Mr. Hirak Barman,
Mr. Pretom Das.
.. For the State.

Affidavit of service filed in Court today be taken on record.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

The father of the petitioner who was an approved Assistant Teacher of a Primary School superannuated from service on 31-05-2006. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 10-11-2006. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner's father on 18-1-2007. The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity and arrear pension amount due to delay in disbursal of the same. The petitioner's father died on 19-02-2020.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Darjeeling are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the

gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 01-06-2006 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment be made within one month from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions this writ petition is disposed of.

There shall be, however, no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to be admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be furnished to the parties upon compliance of necessary formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)