

07-08-2023
Court No.2
Sh/05.

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

W.P.A. 1456 of 2023

**Uma Rai
-Vs-
State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Anirban Chakraborty.
..For the Petitioner.
Mr. Subir Kumar Saha, AGP,
Ms. Bedashruti Bose.
.. For the State.

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

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

The husband of the petitioner who was appointed as Group D staff of Mahangiri High School died in harness on 28-08-2022. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 12-05-2023. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 14-06-2023. The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity and arrear pension amount due to delay in disbursal of the same.

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

28-08-2022 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.)