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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA  
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri  
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction**

**WPA No. 1574 of 2023  
Bula Paul Adhikari  
vs.  
State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Debajit Kundu ...for the Petitioner

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh  
Ms. Bedashruti Bose ...for the State

Affidavit of service filed in court today is kept with the record.

The husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher of Khoprabandi S/C Primary School who died-in-harness on 15th September, 2013. The petitioner completed all her pension related formalities. However, the concerned authorities released gratuity and arrear pension amount on 27th November, 2014. The petitioner herein seeks interest to be paid on the gratuity and arrear pension amount for the interim period of delay in receipt of the said gratuity and arrear pension amount.

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, Jalpaiguri-II are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 16th September, 2013 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 these observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

Since, no affidavit-in-opposition has been called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to have not been admitted by the respondents.

There will be no order as to costs.

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

**(Suvra Ghosh,J)**