

07.08.2023
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Item No.60

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

**WPA No. 1714 of 2023
Deepak Ghising
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Others**

Ms. Monalisa Maity

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh.
Mr. Pretom Das

...for the State

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

On prayer of the petitioner liberty is granted to correct the list of dates and paragraph 12 of the writ petition to the effect that the date of payment of gratuity and arrear amount be read as 22nd April, 2022 in place and stead of 22nd April, 2021

The petitioner was appointed as the Assistant teacher in High School and superannuated on 31st October, 2020. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 24th December, 2021. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 22nd April, 2022. 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, Kalimpong are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 1st November, 2020 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)