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Item No.89

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

**WPA No. 1759 of 2023
Neelam Lama
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Others**

Mr. Anirban Chakraborty
...for the Petitioner

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh
Momenur Rahman
...for the State

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

The petitioner was appointed as the Assistant teacher of Primary School and superannuated on 28th February, 2021. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 27th July, 2021. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 9th August, 2021. 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 29th February, 2021 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)