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

WPA No. 1774 of 2023

Rodagourav Basumata & Anr.
Vs.
The State of W.B. & Ors.

Mr. Anirban Chakraborty
...for the petitioners.
Mr. Hirak Barman
Ms. B. Bose ..for the State.

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioners is taken on record.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The mother of the petitioners was an assistant teacher of a primary school who died in harness on 16th October, 2019. Father of the petitioners also died on 12th March, 2020. The petitioners completed all the pension related formalities. The Pension Payment Order was issued on 8th August, 2022. However, the concerned authorities released gratuity amount on 5th September, 2022. The petitioners herein seek interest to be paid on the gratuity amount for the interim period of delay in receipt of the said gratuity 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, Alipurduar are directed to pay interest to the petitioners @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 17th October, 2019 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 the writ petition is disposed of.

However, there shall be 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 supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)