

10.08.2023

jb.
52
jdt.

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

**WPA No. 1849 of 2023
Puspa Debnath
Vs.
State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Debajit Kundu ...for the Petitioner

Mr. Subir Kr.Saha
Mr. Pretom Das ...for the State

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

The husband of petitioner was appointed as an Assistant Teacher of a primary school and superannuated on 31st July, 2013. The husband of the petitioner died on 4th February, 2014. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 24th July, 2014.

The gratuity was disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 23rd September, 2021. The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity amount due to delay in disbursement 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, Dinhata are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the arrear pension amount calculated from 1st August, 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 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)