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

**WPA No. 1863 of 2023  
Sabita Bhowmick  
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 petitioner was appointed as clerk of a high school and superannuated on 30th June, 2021. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 25th February, 2021. The gratuity was disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 15th March, 2022. The petitioner has prayed for interest on the arrear pension 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 gratuity amount calculated from 1st July, 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)**