

14th August, 2023
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(Suvendu)

**CIRCUIT BENCH OF CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
AT JALPAIGURI**

WPA 1892 of 2023

Bhabendra Nath Barman
Versus
State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Debajit Kundu
... for the petitioner.

Mr. Subir Kumar Saha, Ld. A.G.P.,
Mr. Momenur Rahman.
... for the State.

The affidavit of service filed by the learned Advocate for the petitioner in Court today be kept on record.

The learned Advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was a secretary of a Gram Panchayat and retired from service on 30.4.2013. Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the petitioner on 30.1.2014 and the Gratuity & Arrear Pension of the petitioner was released on 7.3.2014.

Although the petitioner was entitled to payment of pensionary benefit from the date of her retirement, the same was not paid. By presenting this writ petition, the petitioner prays for an order on the respondents to award interest on delayed payment of arrear pension & gratuity.

I have heard the learned Advocate for the petitioner and have also considered the orders passed by different Hon'ble Judges on the writ petitions involving similar issues. In view thereof, the writ petition stands disposed of with a direction

upon the respondents and particularly the concerned Treasury Officer to pay the petitioner interest on gratuity & arrear pension @ 9% per annum from the next date of retirement of the petitioner till the date of actual payment within 16 weeks from the date of service of an authenticated copy of this order failing which, additional interest @ 2% per annum shall be payable to the petitioner.

There will be no order as to costs.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties, on priority basis.

(Moushumi Bhattacharya, J.)