

03.10.2023
Court No.1
Item No.31
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**HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI**

WPA 2286 of 2023

**Sanchita Pradhan
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and Ors.**

Mr. Anirban Chakraborty

... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Hirak Barman,
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 an assistant teacher of a primary school and retired from service on 31.01.2021. Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the petitioner on 27.12.2021 and Gratuity & Arrear Pension of the petitioner was released on 03.02.2022.

Although the petitioner was entitled to payment of pensionary benefit from the date of his retirement, the same was not paid. By representing 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 husband 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.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)