

Form J(1)

**CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
IN THE CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side**

**Present :
The Hon'ble Justice Bibek Chaudhuri**

WPA 3226 of 2022

**Sadhan Das
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

For the Petitioner : Mr. Deborshi Dhar, Adv.

**For the State : Mr. Hirak Barman, Adv.,
Mr. Pretom Das, Adv.**

Heard & Judgment On : 1st February, 2023.

Affidavit of service is taken on record.

The petitioner was an Assistant Teacher of Dakshin Parokata Prathamik Vidhyalay in the district of Alipurduar. After discharging continuous service for about 25 years he retired from service with effect from 31st May, 2020. It is stated by the petitioner that after her retirement she received his pension payment order on 21st July, 202 and only on 21st November, 2020 the gratuity and arrear pension amount was disbursed in favour of the petitioner. The petitioner requested the respondent authority to pay interest on the gratuity and arrear pension

for the period commencing from the next date of his retirement till the date of disbursement of gratuity and arrear pension amount. However the respondents failed and neglected to pay the interest on gratuity and arrear pension.

Learned Advocate for the respondents has not opposed the prayer of the petitioner.

In view of the above and after hearing the learned Advocates for the parties, I direct the Directorate of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, West Bengal and also the concerned treasury officer to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of 8.5% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from the date when ROPA 2019 came into force till the date of payment. Such payment is to be made within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

This writ petition is accordingly disposed of without however, any order as to costs.

The parties are directed to act on the server copy of this order.

(Bibek Chaudhuri, J.)