

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 3236 of 2022**

**Satish Chandra Das  
Vs.  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

**For the Petitioner : Mr. Deborshi Dhar, Adv.**

**For the State : Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh, Adv.  
Mr. Bedashruti Bose, Adv.**

**Heard & Judgment On : 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023.**

Affidavit of service is taken on record.

The petitioner was an approved Assistant Teacher of Uttar Parokata R.R. Primary School in the district of Alipurduar. He retired from service on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020. After his retirement he received pension payment order on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 from the respondent No.2. On 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 he received the gratuity and arrear pension amount but the concern authority did not pay any interest on delayed payment of gratuity and arrear pension in spite of repeated request made by the petitioner to them. So is the instant writ application.

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.)**