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(D/L-139)
Ct.-18
(SD)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 332 of 2024

Ranjita Karan (Dinda)

Vs

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury

.... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Abhishek Banerjee

... for the State.

Affidavit-of-service filed by the learned advocate
for the petitioner be kept with the record.

The husband of the petitioner was an approved
Assistant Teacher of a secondary school who died-in-
harness on August 27, 2021.

The Pension Payment Order of the concerned
teacher was issued on May 23, 2023 in pursuance
whereof the petitioner received the gratuity and arrear
family pension on June 4, 2023.

In the instant writ petition the prayer of the
petitioner is a writ of mandamus be issued
commanding the respondents to pay interest on the
said amount of gratuity and arrear family pension for
the delayed payment.

Learned advocate for the State-respondent does
not oppose the prayer of the petitioner.

It is now well settled that the petitioner is
entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

The respondents, the concerned Treasury Officer in particular are, therefore, directed to pay interest @ 8% per annum on the arrear amount of pension from the date of death of the employee concerned till the date of such payment.

The payment as aforesaid shall be made within the period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order, in default, the said arrear amount shall fetch an additional interest of 2% per annum.

W.P.A. 332 of 2024 stands disposed of with the above directions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties subject to compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Biswajit Basu, J.)