

21.05.2024
Item No.20
Court No.18
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W.P.A. 365 of 2024

Susama Mahapatra Bhunia
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury
.....for the petitioner.
Mr. Somnath Naskar ... 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 and died-in-
harness on March 12, 2022.

The Pension Payment Order of the employee
concerned was issued on September 21, 2022 in
pursuance whereof the petitioner received the
gratuity and the arrear family Pension on May 18,
2023.

The petitioner is praying that a writ of
mandamus be issued commanding the respondents
to pay interest on the said amount of gratuity and
the arrear family pension for the delayed payment.

Learned advocate for the State-respondents
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 gratuity and the
arrear amount of family 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. 365 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.)