

15.05.2024
Item No.90
Court No.18
AJ.

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION**

W.P.A. 706 of 2024

**Ratna Bala
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Sudip Sarkar.
.....for the petitioner.

Mr. Ranjit Rajak.
.....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 May 07, 2022.

The Pension Payment Order of the concerned employee was issued on August 04, 2023 in pursuance whereof the petitioner received the gratuity and arrear family pension on August 16, 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 respondents does not oppose the prayer of the petitioner.

It is now well settled that the petitioners are 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 arrear family pension amount 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. 706 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.)