

15.5.2024  
(D/L-29)  
Ct.-18  
(SD)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA  
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 2518 of 2023

Swapna Roy Halder  
Vs  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Dilip Kumar Maiti  
.... For the Petitioner.

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

In spite of service, none appears on behalf of the  
State-respondents.

The husband of the petitioner was an approved  
Assistant Teacher of a secondary school who died-in-  
harness on June 18, 1985.

The Pension Payment Order of the concerned  
teacher was issued on January 3, 2023 in pursuance  
whereof the petitioner received the arrear family  
pension on January 24, 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 arrear family pension for the delayed  
payment.

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. 2518 of 2023 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.)**