

21.02.2024
Court No.13
Item No. 130
AP

WPA 2848 of 2024

**Chitra Mondal
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and Ors.**

Mr. Manaranjan Sahu

... for the petitioner.

The affidavit-of-service filed by the learned Advocate for the petitioner in Court today be kept with the record.

The learned Advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's husband was a teacher of a school and retired from service on 31.03.2021 and died on 25.02.2022. Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the petitioner on 17.05.2023 and the Gratuity & Arrear Pension of the petitioner was released on 03.06.2023.

Although the petitioner was entitled to payment of pensionary benefit from the date of her husband's retirement, the same was not paid. By presenting this writ petition, the petitioner prays for an order on the respondents to award interest on delayed payment of arrear pension and gratuity.

I have heard the learned Advocate for the petitioner and have also considered the orders passed by different Hon'ble Judges on the writ petitions involving similar issues.

In view thereof, this writ petition stands disposed of with a direction upon the respondents and particularly the concerned Treasury Officer to pay interest to the petitioner on gratuity and arrear pension @ 9% per annum from the next date of retirement of the husband of the petitioner till the date of actual payment within 16 weeks from the date of service of an authenticated copy of this order failing which, additional interest @ 2% per annum shall be payable to the petitioner.

There will be no order as to costs.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties, on priority basis.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)