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W.P.A. 3256 of 2024

Banalata Bhandari

-Vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Banshi Badan Maity
... for the petitioner

Mr. Arup Kumar Mondal
Mr. Anis Datta Sarma
... for the State.

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

The learned Advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's husband was an Assistant Teacher of a school and died-in-harness on 20.04.2021. Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the petitioner on 22.02.2023 and the Gratuity and Arrear Pension of the petitioner was released on 10.03.2023.

Although the petitioner was entitled to payment of pensionary benefit from the date of death, 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, the 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 date of retirement 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.)