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(SD)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 3379 of 2024

Abdur Rashid
Vs
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Arpita Saha

.... 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 petitioner was an approved Assistant
Teacher of a secondary school and retired from his
said service on superannuation on October 31, 2022.

The Pension Payment Order of the petitioner
was issued on March 23, 2023 in pursuance whereof
he received the arrear pension and gratuity amount on
July 1, 2023.

The petitioner is praying that a writ of
mandamus be issued commanding the respondents to
pay interest on the said amount of arrear pension and
gratuity 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 pension and gratuity from the date of retirement of the petitioner 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 3379 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.)