

28.02.2024
Sl. No.197.
Mithun

WPA 3569 of 2024

Kajal Pradhan & Ors.
-Vs
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Kaustuv Mishra
... .. for the petitioners.

Ms. Pratiti Das
... ..For the State

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 petitioners submits that the petitioner's husband was a Teacher of a School and died while in service on 02.03.2019. Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the husband of the petitioner on 19.02.2021 and arrear pension of the husband of the petitioner was released on 01.03.2021.

Although the petitioner was entitled to payment of pensionary benefit from the date of his 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 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)