

21.05.2024  
Item No.47  
Court No.18  
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**W.P.A. 7481 of 2024**

**Gokul Chandra Paul**  
**-Vs-**  
**The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Dipa Bhattacharya  
.....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 Group – D Staff  
of a secondary school and retired from his said  
service on superannuation on October 31, 2011.

The Pension Payment Order of the petitioner  
was issued on July 10, 2012 in pursuance whereof  
he received the gratuity on September 16, 2012.

The petitioner is praying that a writ of  
mandamus be issued commanding the respondents  
to pay interest on the said amount of 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 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 gratuity amount shall fetch an additional interest of 2% per annum.

W.P.A. 7481 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.)**