

20.03.2024
Item No. 53
Court No.18
(P. Jana)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 9560 of 2023

Keka Bandhu & ors.
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Sabita Khutia (Bhunya),
.....for the petitioner.

Affidavit-of-service filed by the learned advocate for the petitioners be kept with the record.

In spite of service, none appears on behalf of the State-respondents.

The husband of the petitioner no. 1 and the father of the petitioner nos. 2 & 3 was an approved Assistant Teacher of a secondary school who died in harness on February 09, 2021.

The Pension Payment Order of the employee concerned was issued on May 10, 2022 in pursuance whereof the petitioners received the gratuity and the arrear family Pension on May 17, 2022.

In the instant writ petition the prayer of the petitioners is a writ of mandamus be issued commanding the respondents to pay interest on the said amount of arrear family pension and gratuity for the delayed payment.

It is now well settled that the petitioners are 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 amount of family pension and gratuity from the date of death of the employee concerned 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. 9560 of 2023 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.)