

17.09.2024
Sl. No.69
(PP)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

WPA 17181 of 2024

Tapan Datta
Vs.
State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Susmita Dey (Basu)
.....for the petitioner.

Mr. Amal Kumar Sen,
Ms. Sahina Sumi
.....for CSTC.

Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken
on record.

The petitioner retired from services of Calcutta
State Transport Corporation (in short, CSTC) on 30th
April, 2023. The retiral benefits of the petitioner was
paid in tranches. The leave salary aggregating to
Rs.1,13,828/- was paid on 17th January, 2024. The
gratuity amount of Rs.8,68,761/- was paid on 21st
September, 2023. The petitioner was paid 25% of the
provident fund **amount** to the tune of Rs.6,21,000/-
on 16th May, 2023. Petitioner claims interest on such
delayed payments **and the unpaid principle sum of**
his retiral benefits with interest.

In the aforesaid facts and circumstances, after
hearing the parties and considering the materials on
record, I find that the petitioner is entitled to receive

interest on the leave salary of Rs.1,13,828/- from 1st May, 2023 till 17th January, 2024, on the gratuity amount of Rs.8,68,761/- from 1st May, 2023 till 21st September, 2023 and on Rs.6,21,000/- paid on account of provident fund from 1st May, 2023 till 16th May, 2023 at the rate of 6% per annum. The CSTC is directed to pay 75% of the unpaid provident fund amount **to the petitioner** with interest from 1st May, 2023 until the actual payment thereof @ 6% per annum, failing which the entire sum will attract interest @ 8% per annum. The payment of the principal as also the interest shall be made within a period of three months from the date of communication of a server copy of this order, **failing which the interest rate will increase to 8% per annum.**

Nothing further remains to be adjudicated in this writ petition. The same is accordingly disposed of.

Since I have not called for any affidavits, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed to have not been admitted by the respondents.

All parties including the CSTC shall act on the basis of the server copy of this order without insisting upon production of a certified copy thereof.

(Arindam Mukherjee, J.)