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W.P.A. 23817 of 2024

Ranjana Das

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sayan De,
Mr. Kaustav Shome

....for the petitioner.

Affidavit-of-service filed in Court is kept with the record.

In terms of the order dated 24th September, 2024 notice has been served upon the learned advocate representing the State respondents on 26th September, 2024 and the said notice is placed before this Court and the same is taken on record.

In spite of service of notice State respondents are not represented.

The writ petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30th November, 2021. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued vide memo dated 17th January, 2024 releasing retiral dues in favour of the petitioner. The writ petitioner claims interest on gratuity which has been released in favour of the petitioner belatedly.

Accordingly, the Director of Pension

Provident Fund, and Group Insurance, West Bengal and the concerned Treasury Officer are directed to pay interest at the rate of **8%** per annum to the writ petitioner on gratuity from the date following the date of retirement of the petitioner till the date of release of gratuity, within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)