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W.P.A. 24606 of 2024

Asit Kumar Samanta

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sujit Bhunia

....for the petitioner.

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

However, in spite of service of notice no one appears for the respondents.

The writ petitioner is a retired Group-D staff, who superannuated on 30th September, 2021. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued vide memo dated 31st May, 2022 releasing retiral dues in favour of the petitioner. The writ petitioner claims interest on gratuity.

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.)