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W.P.A. 25203 of 2024

Renuka Tikader

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishnapada Santra

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Toueesif Ahmed Khan,  
Mr. Murari Chakraborty

....for the State.

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

The writ petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2020. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued vide memo dated 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 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.

State respondents are represented by learned advocates.

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.)**