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(Suvendu)

W.P.A. 28627 of 2024

Madhuri Haldar

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Pritikana Gantait

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Keshab Chandra Das

....for the State.

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

Petitioner is mother of a deceased Assistant Teacher who died-in-harness on 20th April, 2014. Daughter of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher. After death of petitioner's daughter, Pension Payment Order was issued on 9th April, 2015 releasing death gratuity in favour of the petitioner. Petitioner has come up with the present writ petition claiming interest on gratuity due to delayed payment.

State respondents are represented by learned advocate.

Accordingly, the Director of Pension Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer are directed to pay interest at the rate of **8%** per annum to the petitioner on gratuity from the date following the date of death of daughter 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 on usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)