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Ct. No. 18
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W.P.A. 28646 of 2024

**Koel Das
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Debjani Sahu

...for the petitioner

Mr. Arabinda Das

...for the State

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

Husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher who died-in-harness on 4th January, 2020. After death of husband of the petitioner Pension Payment Order was issued on 11th January, 2023 thereby releasing terminal benefits including death gratuity in favour of the petitioner. Petitioner claims interest on gratuity due to delayed payment.

State-respondents are represented by learned advocate.

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 petitioner on gratuity from the date following the date of death of husband of the petitioner till the date of release of

gratuity, within a period of 8 (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.)