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W.P.A. 29140 of 2024

Karabi Jha

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Arpita Saha

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Arunava Maiti

....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 3rd February, 2016. After death of husband of the petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued on 25th October, 2017 thereby releasing family pension, death gratuity and other terminal benefits in favour of the petitioner. The writ 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 writ 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 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.)