

W.P.A. 169 of 2025

**Nilima Mahata
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury

...for the Petitioner

In terms of previous order dated 14th January, 2025, notice dated 16th January, 2025 is served upon the learned advocate representing the State respondents. Said notice is taken on record. In spite of service of notice, State respondents are not represented.

Husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher who died-in-harness on 15th December, 2023. After death of husband of the petitioner pension payment order was issued on 17th September, 2024 thereby releasing terminal benefits including death gratuity in favour of the petitioner. Petitioner prays for release of interest on gratuity due to delayed payment.

Accordingly, the Director of Pension Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer are directed to release 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 (8) 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.)