

W.P.A. 170 of 2025

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

Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury

...for the Petitioner

In terms of previous order dated 14th January, 2025, notice is served upon the learned advocate representing the State respondents on 17th January, 2025. 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 11th February, 2019. After death of husband of the petitioner pension payment order was issued on 20th May, 2021 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.)