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(Suvendu)

W.P.A. 385 of 2024

Mukundananta Bhattacharyya

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjib Das

....for the State.

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

Petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 31st July, 2021. After superannuation of petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued on 16th December, 2021 releasing retiral dues 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 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 retirement 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.)