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Ct. No. 18
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W.P.A. 1011 of 2025

**Sikha Rudra Pal
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Sreyasree Chaudhuri

...for the petitioner

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

In spite of service of notice State-respondents are not represented today.

The writ petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30th November, 2023. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued on 21st August, 2024 releasing retiral dues in favour of the petitioner. The writ petitioner claims interest on gratuity due to delayed payment.

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 retirement 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.)