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W.P.A. 1276 of 2025

Rujee Khatoon

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Banshi Badan Maity

....for the petitioner.

Ms. Nilanjana Adhya

....for the State.

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

Husband of the petitioner was Headmaster who died-in-harness on 29th November, 2020. After death of the husband of the petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued on 16th August, 2021 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 the 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.)