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Ct. No. 18
(ARPAN)

W.P.A. 1172 OF 2024

**Susmita Manna
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Sudipa Banerjee, Adv.

...for the Petitioner

Ms. Srabani Biswas, Adv.

...for the State

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

Husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher who died-in-harness on 7th July, 2017. After death of husband of the petitioner pension payment order was issued on 20th April, 2018 thereby releasing terminal benefits including death gratuity in favour of the petitioner. Petitioner prays for release of 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 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.

Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)