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(Suvendu)

W.P.A. 2305 of 2025
Sukanya Pal Chowdhury
-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra
Ms. Arpita Saha

....for the petitioner.

Ms. Chandana Ghosh

....for the State.

1. Learned advocate representing the petitioner submits in spite of effort was made to effect service upon learned advocate representing State respondents in terms of previous order service could not be effected.
2. State respondents are not represented.
3. Ms. Chandana Ghosh, learned advocate who is present in Court and usually appears on behalf of the State respondents, is requested to enter appearance on behalf of the State respondents. Let engagement of Ms. Chandana Ghosh be regularized by the office of the learned Government Pleader.
4. Petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 31st July, 2023. After superannuation of petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued on 28th November, 2024 releasing retiral dues in favour of the petitioner. Petitioner claims interest on gratuity due to delayed payment.
5. 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.
6. Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

7. With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.
8. There shall be no order as to costs.
9. Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)