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W.P.A. 2479 of 2025

Lipika Debnath

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Dilip Kumar Maity

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Pradyot Kumar Das

....for the State.

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. Husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher who died-in-harness on 9th November, 2022. After death of husband of the petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued vide memo dated 30th August, 2023 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.
3. State respondents are represented by learned advocate.
4. 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 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.

5. Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.
6. With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.
7. There shall be no order as to costs.
8. Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)