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W.P.A. 2610 of 2025

**Sadek Ali Molla
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra

...for the petitioner

Ms. Saswati Chatterjee

...for the State

1. Learned advocate representing the petitioner submits in spite of repeated attempts notice could not be served upon the learned advocate representing the State respondents in terms of the order dated 2nd April, 2025.
2. Ms. Saswati Chatterjee, learned advocate is present in Court who usually represents State respondents.
3. Learned Government Pleader is requested to regularize engagement of Ms. Saswati Chatterjee, learned advocate on behalf of State respondents.
4. The petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30th November, 2021. After superannuation of the petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued on 29th June, 2022 releasing retiral dues in favour of the petitioner. The petitioner claims interest on gratuity due to delayed payment.

5. 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.
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, upon usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)