

26.03.2025
Item No.178, DL,
Court No.19
AJ.

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION**

W.P.A. 4440 of 2025

**Sakuntala Sing
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Sanchayita De.
.....for the petitioner.

Affidavit-of-service filed by the learned advocate for the petitioner be kept with the record.

None appears on behalf of the State respondents in spite of service.

The husband of the petitioner was an approved head Teacher of a primary school, the said teacher died-in-harness on February 28, 2013.

The Pension Payment Order of the employee concerned was issued on July 18, 2014 in pursuance whereof the petitioner received the gratuity and the arrear family pension on December 11, 2014.

In the instant writ petition the prayer of the petitioner is a writ of mandamus be issued commanding the respondents to pay interest on the said amount of gratuity and arrear family pension for the delayed payment.

It is now well settled that the petitioner is entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

The respondents, the concerned Treasury Officer in particular are, therefore, directed to pay interest @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and the arrear amount of pension and gratuity from the date of death of the employee concerned till the date of such payment.

The payment as aforesaid shall be made within the period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order, in default, the said arrear amount shall fetch an additional interest of 2% per annum.

W.P.A. 4440 of 2025 stands disposed of, with the above directions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties subject to compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Biswajit Basu, J.)