

W.P.A. 6572 OF 2024

**Manasi Roy
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Others**

Ms. Arpita Saha, Adv.

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Sambhunath De, Adv.

...for the State

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

Petitioner being widow of a deceased Headmaster has approached this court with the present writ petition since her husband *died-in-harness* on 19th September, 2020. After death of husband of the petitioner pension payment order was issued on 19th February, 2021 and terminal benefits including death gratuity were released in favour of the petitioner. Petitioner has come up with the present writ petition claiming 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 pay interest at the rate of 8% per annum to the petitioner on gratuity from the date following the date of death of the husband of the petitioner till the date of release of same, 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.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)