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(Suvendu)

W.P.A. 6757 of 2024

Debi Roy Biswas

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra

....for the petitioner.

Ms. Sucheta Pal

....for the State.

Affidavit-of-service filed in Court is kept with the record.

Husband of petitioner was an Assistant Teacher, who died-in-harness on 9th October, 2020 and after his death, Pension Payment Order was issued on 31st August, 2021 releasing terminal benefits in favour of the petitioner. Petitioner claims 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 husband of petitioner till the date of release of gratuity, within a period of eight 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.)