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Ct. No. 18
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W.P.A. 7023 OF 2024

**Puja Das
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Others**

Mr. Banshi Badan Maity, Adv.

...for the Petitioner

In terms of the previous order notice dated 21st March, 2025 was served upon learned advocate representing the State respondents.

In spite of service of notice State respondents are not represented.

Husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher who died-in-harness on 31st October, 2022. After death of husband of the petitioner pension payment order was issued on 27th September, 2023 thereby releasing terminal benefits including death gratuity in favour of the petitioner. Petitioner prays for release of interest on gratuity due to delayed payment.

Accordingly, the Director of Pension Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer are directed to release interest at the rate of 8% per annum to the writ petitioner on gratuity from the date following the date of death of husband of the petitioner till the date of release of gratuity, 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.)