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W.P.A. 7385 of 2024

Kabita Bhunia

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sudipta Maiti

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Shuvro Prokash Lahiri,

Mr. Sandipan Maity

....for the State.

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. Husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher who died-in-harness on 19th May, 2021. After death of husband of the petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued vide memo dated 22nd January, 2022 thereby releasing family pension, death gratuity and other terminal benefits in favour of the petitioner. The writ petitioner claims interest on gratuity due to delayed payment.
3. State respondents are represented by learned advocates.
4. 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 writ petitioner on gratuity from the date following the

date of death of the husband of the petitioner till the date of release of gratuity, within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

5. Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.
6. With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.
7. There shall be no order as to costs.
8. Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)