

25.07.2025
(D/L-32)
Ct.-17
(Susanta
Samar)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 8537 of 2025

Manas Kumar Lodh

-Vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Arpita Saha,

.... For the Petitioner.

Ms. Mahuya Dutta Biswas,

.... For the State.

Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner be kept with the record.

The petitioner was an approved Librarian of a library under the Department of Mass Education Extension & Library Services, on attaining the age of superannuation, he had retired from his said service on December 31, 2019.

The Pension Payment Order of the petitioner was issued on July 27, 2021, in pursuance whereof, he had received the gratuity and the arrear pension on August 05, 2021.

The petitioner is praying interest on the arrear pension and gratuity for the delayed payment.

The law is now well-settled that for such delay in payment of pension and gratuity, the petitioner is entitled to interest.

Learned advocate for the State-respondents does not oppose the prayer of the petitioner.

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

The payment as directed above shall be made within the period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

W.P.A 8537 of 2025 stands disposed of with the above terms. 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.)