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25.07.2025
Court No.17
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 8884 of 2025

Sankhanath Chaudhury

Vs.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Ria Bhunya

...for the Petitioner.

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

In spite of service, none appears on behalf of the State-respondents.

The petitioner was a Librarian of the Library under the Department of Mass Education Extension & Library Services, on attaining the age of superannuation, he had retired from his said service on January 31, 2021.

The Pension Payment Order of the petitioner was issued on February 09, 2022, in pursuance whereof, he had received the gratuity and the arrear pension on March 17, 2022.

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.

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.

WPA 8884 of 2025 is disposed of without any order as to costs.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties, subject to compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Biswajit Basu, J.)