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(Suvendu)

W.P.A. 11085 of 2024

Astobala Samanta

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Arun Khutia

....for the petitioner.

Mr. N. Roy

....for the State.

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

Husband of petitioner was a Group -D staff, who died-in-harness on 6th January, 2018 and after his death, Pension Payment Order was issued on 11th April, 2019 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.)