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(SG)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 12450 of 2024

Gour Chandra Kundu
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Arpita Saha,
.... For the Petitioner.
Mr. Munmun Ganguly,
Mr. Saikat Sen,
.... For the State.

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

The petitioner was an approved Assistant
Head Teacher of a primary school and retired
from his service on superannuation on March
31, 2021.

The Pension Payment Order of the
petitioner was issued on January 11, 2022 in
pursuance whereof he received the arrear
pension on January 20, 2022.

In the instant writ petition the prayer of the
petitioner is a writ of mandamus be issued
commanding the respondents to pay interest on
the said amount of gratuity and arrear pension
for the delayed payment.

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

It is now well settled that the petitioner is entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

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

The payment as aforesaid shall be made within the period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order, in default the said arrear amount shall fetch an additional interest of 2% per annum.

W.P.A 12450 of 2024 stands disposed of with the above directions. 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.)