

18.08.2025

WPA 14643 of 2025

**Sri Mathura Mohan Das
Vs.
State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Subhrajit Saha

... .. for the petitioner

Mr. Sudip Kumar Maiti

... .. for the State

Md. Sarwar Jahan

Sk. Nayeemul Hoque

... .. for the respondent No.4

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

The petitioner was a Head Teacher of a Primary School, Murshidabad, who retired from service on 28.02.2023. The petitioner had completed all his pension-related formalities prior to his retirement. However, the concerned authorities delayed and released the gratuity and arrear pension and commutation amount on 09.04.2025. The petitioner herein seeks interest to be paid on the gratuity and arrear pension and commutation for the interim period of delay in receipt of the gratuity and arrear pension and commutation amount.

There is a considerable delay in filing of the writ petition, which the petitioner seeks to justify by stating that there is no statutory period of limitation and neither parties have suffered due to this delay. It is the submission of the petitioners that accordingly the petition

should be allowed. The petitioners rely upon an order in **W.P. No. 17557 (W) of 2017 (Narayan Chandra Saha Vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)** wherein a co-ordinate Bench had relied upon the Supreme Court judgment in the case of **Union of India Vs. Tarsem Singh**, reported in **(2008) 8 SCC 648** on the issue of limitation relating to payment or re-fixation of pay or pension wherein the Apex Court had held that relief may be granted in spite of delay as it does not affect the rights of the third party.

In view of the above and after hearing the learned counsel for both parties, I direct the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal as also the concerned Treasury Officer to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the gratuity, arrear pension and commutation calculated from 01.03.2023 till the date of payment.

Such payment is to be made within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

The writ petition is disposed of, however, no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to have been denied.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be made available to the parties upon compliance with the requisite formalities.

(Rajarshi Bharadwaj, J.)

