

26.03.2025
(D/L-138)
Ct.-19
(Susanta)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 16532 of 2024
Bibhuti Das
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishna Keshab Paul,
.... For the Petitioner.
Ms. Susmita Biswas Chowdhury,
.... For the State.

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

The petitioner was an approved Head
Teacher of a primary school and retired from his
said service on superannuation on May 31,
2023.

The Pension Payment Order of the petitioner
was issued on December 04, 2023 in pursuance
whereof he received the gratuity and the arrear
pension on December 31, 2023.

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 arrear pension and gratuity
for the delayed payment.

Learned advocate for the State-respondents
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 arrear amount of pension and gratuity 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 16532 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.)