

26.03.2025
(D/L-145)
Ct.-19
(Susanta)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 22866 of 2024

Baby Sikder
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sujit Bhunia,
.... 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 an approved Assistant
Teacher of a primary school and retired from her
said service on superannuation on September
30, 2023.

The Pension Payment Order of the petitioner
was issued on May 27, 2024 in pursuance
whereof she received the gratuity and the arrear
pension on June 01, 2024.

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.

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 employee concerned 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 22866 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.)