

26.03.2025
(D/L-151)
Ct.-19
(Susanta)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 28800 of 2024
Anima Saha
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Kalyan Kumar Panda,
.... For the Petitioner.

Affidavit-of-service filed by the learned
advocate for the petitioner be kept with the
record.

In spite of service, none appears on behalf
of the State-respondents.

The petitioner was an approved Head
Teacher of a Primary school and retired from her
said service on superannuation on January 31,
2020.

The Pension Payment Order of the
petitioner was issued on February 16, 2021 in
pursuance whereof she received the gratuity and
the arrear pension on February 22, 2021.

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 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 28800 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.)