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Ct. No. 18
(ARPAN)

W.P.A. 29235 of 2024

**Matiur Rahaman
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Sudip Sarkar
Mr. Partha Sarathi Mishra

...for the Petitioner

Apart from filing affidavit-of-service a notice dated 13th December, 2024 was served upon the learned advocate representing the State respondents which was received on 20th December, 2024 is placed before this court and taken on record. In spite of service of notice, State is not represented.

The writ petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30th September, 2018. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued on 8th February, 2019 releasing retiral dues in favour of the petitioner. The writ petitioner claims interest on gratuity due to delayed payment.

Accordingly, the Director of Pension Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer are directed to pay interest at the rate of 8% per annum to the writ petitioner on gratuity from the date following the date of retirement of the petitioner till the date of release of gratuity, within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)