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15.01.2025
Ct. No. 18
(ARPAN)

W.P.A. 29388 of 2024

**Mani Lal Sinha
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Jonaki Saha
Mr. Anirban Chakraborty

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Tulshi Das Ray

...for the State

Notice dated 7th January, 2025 was served upon the learned advocate representing State respondents in terms of the previous order and same is taken on record.

The writ petitioner is a retired Headmaster, who superannuated on 31st July, 2022. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, Pension Payment Order was issued on 26th January, 2023 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 (8) 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.)