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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction**

WPA No. 1304 of 2025

Chandra Kumari Chhetri
Vs.
The State of W.B. & Ors.

Mr. Debajit Kundu
...for the petitioner.
Mr. Hirak Barman
Mr. Kumar Shantanu ..for the State.

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner was an Assistant Teacher of a primary school and superannuated on 30th June, 2021. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 17th May, 2024. The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity amount paid to him due to delay in disbursal of the same.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Darjeeling being the 2nd and 4th

respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the gratuity amount calculated from 1st July, 2021 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment shall be made within one month from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions the writ petition is disposed of.

However, there shall be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to be admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)