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06/11/2025
Court. No. 2
Aritra*

**In the High Court at Calcutta
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Appellate Side**

WPA 2215 of 2025

**Smt. Shikha Sutradhar
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Taiab Sahadat

....for the petitioner

Mr. Subir Kumar Saha

Ms. Patralekha Choudhury

....for the State

Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.

The husband of the petitioner was an approved teacher of Barobisha High School who died in harness on 12.01.2012.

The pension payment order was issued on 13.08.2013 in pursuance whereof the gratuity and arrear family pension received on 20.09.2013.

In the instant writ petition the petitioner prayed that a writ of Mandamus be issued commanding the respondents to pay interest on the said amount of arrear family pension for delayed payment.

Learned advocate for the State respondents does not oppose the prayer of the petitioner.

It is now well settled that the petitioner is entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

In view thereof, this writ petition is disposed of by directing the concerned Treasury Officer, Alipurduar being the respondent no. 3 to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the

gratuity and arrear family pension 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.

Since no affidavits have been called for, the allegations contained in the writ petition shall be deemed not have been admitted by the respondents.

There shall be no order as to costs.

All parties shall act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Hiranmay Bhattacharyya, J.)