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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE**

WPA/17998/2025

ALHADI SAREN

VS

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.

Mr. Manaranjan Sahu

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Bikramjit Mandal

...for the State

1. Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. By the present writ petition the petitioner seeks direction upon the respondent authorities for disbursement of the interest on delayed payment of gratuity and arrear pension from the date following the date of retirement till the date of actual payment at the rate of 18% per annum.
3. The petitioner contends that she was an Assistant Teacher of Bhuakana Primary School, P.O. Bhuakana, P.S. Hirbandh, District Bankura and retired from service on superannuation on 30th June, 2018. The pension payment order was issued on 28th January, 2019. The gratuity and arrear family pension amount was disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 12th April, 2019. However, no interest on the aforesaid amount has been paid to the petitioner. Hence this writ petition.

4. Mr. Manaranjan Sahu, learned advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entitled to receive the interest on the gratuity and arrear pension since there is delay in disbursement of the same. He seeks for appropriate orders.
5. Mr. Bikramjit Mandal, learned advocate representing the State leaves the matter to the discretion of the Court.
6. From the aforesaid contentions made in the writ petition, it is found that there is delay in disbursement of the gratuity and arrear pension. It is the bounden duty of the State to disburse all the pensionary benefits to the employee forthwith, failing which the employee is entitled to receive the interest.
7. Accordingly, respondent no. 2, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and respondent no. 3, the Treasury Officer, Khatra are directed to disburse the interest at the rate of @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension in favour of the petitioner by way of pensionary benefits from the date following the date of her retirement i.e. 1st July, 2018 till the actual date of payment. Such payment is to be made within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.
8. Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner is directed to communicate this order to respondent no. 2, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group

Insurance, Government of West Bengal and respondent no. 3, the Treasury Officer, Khatra for necessary compliance.

9. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition being **WPA 17998 of 2025** is disposed of.
10. Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to have been denied.
11. Consequently, connected applications, if any, stand disposed of.
12. Interim orders, if any, stand vacated.
13. There shall be no order as to costs.
14. Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on compliance of all necessary legal formalities.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)