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

WPA/20231/2025
SHYAMAL KANTI MONDAL
VS
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra

...for the Petitioner

Ms. Amrita Tewari

...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 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 he joined as an Assistant Teacher in Pakhirala F.P. School, Post Office- Pakhirala, District-South 24-Parganas. The petitioner retired from service on superannuation on 31st August, 2023 as Head Teacher of the said school. The pension payment order was issued on 30th January, 2024. The gratuity and arrear pension was disbursed on 14th March, 2024. However, no interest

on the aforesaid amount has been paid. Hence this writ petition.

4. Mr. Krishna Pada Santra, learned advocate for the petitioner submits that there is a delay in disbursement of the gratuity and arrear pension and as such the petitioner is entitled to receive interest on the delayed payment of gratuity and arrear pension. He seeks for appropriate orders.
5. Ms. Amrita Tewari, learned Advocate for the State leaves the matter to the discretion of this Court.
6. From the aforesaid contentions made in the writ petition, it is found that there is considerable delay in disbursement of the gratuity and arrear pension amount. 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 interest on the aforesaid amount.
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, Canning are directed to disburse the interest at the rate of @ 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear of pension in favour of the petitioner by way of pensionary benefits from the date following the date of retirement till the date of actual 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, Canning for necessary compliance.
9. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition being **WPA 20231 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.)