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

**WPA/836/2026
SARITA KUMAI
VS
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.**

Ms. Taniya Bhowmik
..for the Petitioner.

Mr. Arijit Ghosh
Ms. Radhika Agarwal
..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 she was an Assistant Teacher of Arya Primary School, P.O.-Arya, District-Darjeeling. The petitioner retired from service on superannuation on 31st October, 2022. The pension payment order was issued on 18th July, 2024. The gratuity and arrear pension was disbursed on 11th August, 2024. However, no interest

on the aforesaid amount has been paid.

Hence this writ petition.

4. Ms. Taniya Bhowmik, 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 She seeks for appropriate orders.
5. Mr. Arijit Ghosh, 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, Darjeeling 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 six 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, Darjeeling for necessary compliance.
9. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition being **WPA 836 of 2026** is disposed of.
10. Since no affidavits have been called for, the allegation made in the writ petition is deemed to be not admitted.
11. Interim order, if any, stands vacated.
12. All connected applications, if any, stand disposed of.
13. There shall be no order as to costs.
14. All concerned parties shall act in terms of the copy of the order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.
15. 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.)