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WPA 17324 of 2024
(Pabitra Kumar Mahata vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Mr. Dilip Kr. Sadhu
.... **For the Petitioner**
Mr. Pradyot Kr. Das
.... **For the State**

The petitioner was appointed as Secretary of Gram Panchayat and superannuated on 30th September, 2018. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time, pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 10th October, 2018. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed on 24th February, 2022. The petitioner seeks interest on the gratuity amount and arrear pension paid to him due to delay in disbursement 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, Jhargram, being the 2nd and 3rd respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of 8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 1st October, 2018 till the date of actual payment. Such payment

shall be made within two months from the date of communication of this order.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit has been invited, allegations contained in the writ petition shall be deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on compliance of requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)