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09.02.2026
Court No.18
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 22073 of 2023

Chittaranjan Dutta

Vs.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Keshab Chandra Das

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Shamim Ul Bari

Ms. Manika Pandit

...for the State.

1. The petitioner is a retired teacher aged about 75 years. He retired from service on March 31, 2010. His arrear of salary for the period from January 1, 1986 to March 31, 2010 was paid in the year 2019. He prays for grant of interest on account of delayed payment of his salary.

2. The Court vide order dated May 1, 2024 directed the District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education), Hooghly to file a report on the claim of the petitioner. No report has been filed till date.

3. Learned advocate for the petitioner submits, upon instruction that, the petitioner is seriously ill and he requires immediate finance for his treatment.

4. The Court is of the opinion that the employer ought to have paid the employee his salary on time. The petitioner was paid salary long after he retired from service, and that too, upon order being passed by the Court.

5. The District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education), Hooghly is, accordingly, directed to calculate simple interest at the rate of 7 % per annum on and from the date the same fell due till the date of actual payment.

6. The amount payable to the petitioner shall be placed before this Court on the adjourned date.

7. Re-list the matter on February 23, 2026.

8. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)