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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE
(Through Video Conference)

WPA 15788 of 2021

Gopal Krishna Kar & Ors.
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Tapan Datta Gupta,
Mr. Parvej Anam
... for the petitioner.

Mr. Kamalendu Ghose,
Mr. Raja Saha
....for the State

Ms. Deblina Chattaraj
... for the WBTC.

Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.

There are 23 retired employees of Calcutta Tramways Company (1978) Ltd. (in short “CTC”) now known as West Bengal Transport Corporation Limited (in short “WBTC”) have joined in the instant writ petition to ventilate their individual independent cause pertaining to identical issue against the same set of respondents. The petitioners claim interest on delayed payment of benefits under the Revision of Pay and Allowance Rules, 1998 (in short “ROPA 1998”) which is applicable to them.

The issue sought to be raised in the instant writ petition is squarely covered by a recent judgment and order of this Court dated 14th September, 2021 passed in WPA 7490 of 2021 (Vivekananda Halder & Ors. v. The State of West Bengal & Ors.).

As such, this writ petition is disposed of with the similar directions as rendered in the above-mentioned writ petition, which are as follows:-

The respondents shall pay interest from the date of accrual of the amounts claimed in respect of the petitioners till actual payment of such arrears, less interest, if any, already paid, at the rate of 7% per annum to the petitioners within a period of six months from the date of communication of a server copy of this order without insisting upon production of a certified copy.

In default of payment of the aforesaid interest within a period of six months, the rate of interest shall increase to 8 per cent.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon compliance of necessary formalities.

(Arindam Mukherjee, J.)