

**Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court  
at Jalpaiguri**

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*ab* 21.04.  
2021

**W.P.A. 792 of 2021**

**Upananda Talukdar  
Versus  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Ujani Pal (Samanta)  
.....for the petitioner.

Mr. Hirak Barman  
Mr. Momenur Rahman  
...For the State.

Affidavit of service filed in Court today is  
kept with the record.

The material facts of the case are supported  
by records and hence I have not called for affidavits.

The petitioner was an Assistant Teacher of  
a High School and he retired from service on  
30.04.2009. The first pension payment order was  
issued on 04.05.2009. Under the ROPA Rules, 2009  
there was revision of pensionary amount payable to  
the petitioner. The revised pension payment order  
was issued on 11.03.2013 and arrear pension  
amount was disbursed on 29.06.2013 in terms of  
ROPA 2009. The petitioner claims interest on delayed  
payment of the revised arrear pension.

There is a considerable delay in filing of the  
writ petition, which the petitioner seeks to justify by  
stating that there is no statutory period of limitation  
and neither of the parties has suffered due to this  
delay. It is the submission of the petitioner that

accordingly the petition should be allowed. The petitioner relies upon an order in **W.P. No. 17557 (W) of 2017 (Narayan Chandra Saha Vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)** wherein a co-ordinate Bench had relied upon the Supreme Court judgement in the case of **Union of India Vs. Tarsem Singh**, reported in **(2008) 8 S.C.C. 648** on the issue of limitation relating to payment or re-fixation of pay or pension wherein the Apex Court had held that relief may be granted in spite of delay as it does not affect the rights of the third party.

In view of the aforesaid, I direct the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal as also the concerned Treasury Officer to pay interest to the writ petitioner @8% per annum on the revised arrear pension amount calculated from 19.05.2009 till the date of payment.

Such payment is to be made within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

With these observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

Since no affidavit in opposition has been called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to have not been admitted by the respondents.

There will be no order as to costs.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be made available to the parties upon compliance with the requisite formalities.

**(Rajarshi Bharadwaj, J.)**