

26.09.2022  
Item No.166  
Court No.18  
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**W.P.A. 14700 of 2022**

**Abujar Gazi  
-Vs-  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Sudip Sarkar  
.....for the petitioner.  
Mr. Arun Kr. Saha  
,,, for the State.

Affidavit-of-service filed by the learned advocate  
for the petitioner be kept with the record.

The petitioner was an approved Group – D Staff  
of a secondary school and retired from his said  
service on superannuation on February 28, 2019.

The first pension payment order of the  
petitioner was issued on June 21, 2019.

Under the ROPA Rules, 2019, there was  
revision of the pension, gratuity and computation of  
pension of the pensioners vide Memorandum of the  
Government of West Bengal bearing No.  
53/ES/P/P&B/10M-99/2019 dated February 14,  
2020 and the revised pension payment order of the  
petitioner under ROPA, 2019 was issued on  
December 06, 2020, in terms of the said revised  
pension payment order, the petitioner received the  
arrear pension and gratuity on January 08, 2021.

The petitioner in the instant writ petition is  
claiming that he is entitled to interest for the delayed  
payment of the said gratuity and arrear pension and  
is praying issuance of writ of mandamus  
commanding the Director of Pension, Provident Fund

and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer, the respondents herein, to pay such interest.

Learned advocate for the State-respondents does not oppose the prayer of the petitioner.

It is now well settled that the petitioner is entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

The aforementioned respondents are, therefore directed to pay interest on the revised gratuity and arrear pension @ 8% per annum from the date of notification of the aforesaid Government order i.e. February 14, 2020 till the date of payment of revised gratuity and arrear pension in terms of the said revised Pension payment order.

The payment, as aforesaid, shall be made within a period of twelve weeks from the date of communication of this order, in default, the said arrears amount shall fetch an additional interest of 2% per annum.

W.P.A. 14700 of 2022 stands disposed of with the above directions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties subject to compliance with all requisite formalities.

**(Biswajit Basu, J.)**