

24.08.2022.  
Court No. 13  
Item no. 644.  
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**W.P.A. No. 16553 of 2015**

**With**

**CAN 1 of 2016**

Chanchal Kumar Sarkar & Ors.

Versus

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Washef Ali Mondal,  
Mr. Syed Nazmul Hossain

..For the petitioners.

Mr. Milan Kumar Maity

....for the State

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

The issue to be decided in the present writ  
petition is whether an employee will be entitled  
to receive pension on and from the date  
following retirement or from the date of refund  
of the employer's share of contribution.

The petitioners retired from service on  
attaining the age of superannuation on  
31.03.2007, 30.04.1999, 30.09.2008,  
30.09.1999 and 31.12.2007 respectively.

In response to the notification published  
by the School Education Department being No.  
79-SE(L)/SL/5S-56/13(Pt-V) dated 13<sup>th</sup> June,  
2014 issued in compliance of the direction  
passed by the Hon'ble Special Bench of this  
Court in the judgment dated 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 in

the matter of District Inspector of Schools (S.E.), Kolkata –vs- Abhijit Baidya the petitioners exercised option to switch over from CPF to GPF and claims to have refunded the employer's share of contribution with interest and additional interest on 31.07.2014, 04.08.2014, 19.08.2014, 04.07.2014 and 04.08.2014 respectively.

Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the petitioners with effect from the date of refund of the employer's share of contribution.

The petitioners claim that pension ought to have been released on and from the next date of retirement and not from the date of refund of the employer's share of contribution.

A similar issue has been decided by this Court in the matter of WPA No. 964 of 2022 (Sitala Mandal (Chaudhuri) –vs- State of West Bengal & Ors.).

The judgment passed in the aforesaid matter on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 will cover the present writ petition.

Instant writ petition is disposed of by directing the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer to verify the records, and in the event, it is found, that the petitioners exercised option and refunded the employer's share of contribution within the time specified in the notification dated 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2014, then steps

shall be taken to issue Revised Pension Payment Order in favour of the petitioners with effect from the date following the date of on superannuation and to release the pension in accordance with the Revised Pension Payment Order. Such steps shall be taken within a period of twelve weeks from the date of communication of a copy of this order. Payment shall positively be released immediately upon issuance of the Revised Pension Payment Order.

For the aforesaid purpose, the DI of Schools concerned shall process the claim for arrears of pension and make/forward a necessary recommendation/sanction to the DPPG expeditiously. The DPPG in turn shall act based on such recommendation/sanction

The writ petition stands disposed of.

In view of the above, connected application shall also disposed of.

Urgent certified photo copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties expeditiously on compliance of usual legal formalities.

***(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)***