CIRCUIT BENCH OF CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
AT JALPAIGURI

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WPA 1415 of 2022

Sudhansu Sekhar Aditya
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Mr. Debajit Kundu
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Pretom Das
...for the State.

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

The petitioner was appointed as Panchayat Deputy Secretary and superannuated on 31.01.2017. The pension payment order was issued on 07.02.2017. Subsequently, there was a revision of the pension and the gratuity amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on 08.01.2021. The revised gratuity and arrear pension amount was disbursed in favour of the petitioner only on 21.01.2021. The petitioner claims interest on delayed payment of the revised gratuity amount and arrear pension.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Cooch Behar-I are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the

revised gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 14.2.2020 till the date of actual payment of the amount, since ROPA 2019 has been given effect from 14.2.2020. Such payment be made within one month from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions this writ petition is disposed of.

There shall be, however, no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to be admitted.

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

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)