

26.04.2023
Court No. 19
Item no.43
CP

WPA No. 9681 of 2023

Bablu Kumar Guchait
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mrs. Sabita Khutia (Bhunya)
....for the petitioner.

Mr. Dipankar Ghosh
.....for the State.

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

The petitioner was a secretary of Jagatpur
Gram Panchayat, District – Hooghly, who retired
from service on **30.04.2017**. The pension Payment
Order was first issued in favour of the petitioner on
21.06.2017 and after introduction of ROPA, 2019,
revised pension payment order was issued on
18.08.2021. The petitioner received the retirement
benefits on **29.09.2021** on the basis of ROPA 2019.

Upon considering order of the Hon'ble Division
Bench of this Court dated August 14, 2013 in MAT
1118 of 2013 read with the circular dated June 25,
2002 issued by the Joint Director of Treasuries and
Accounts, West Bengal, there cannot be any dispute
with regard to the entitlement of interest on delayed
payment of revised gratuity and revised arrear

pension. Thus, in this case as well, the same principle will apply.

In view thereof, this writ petition stands disposed of with a direction upon the respondents and particularly the concerned Treasury Officer to pay to the petitioner interest on the revised gratuity and revised arrear pension @ 8% per annum from the date of entitlement, to the revised arrear pension and revised gratuity as per ROPA, 2019 till the date of actual payment of the revised gratuity and revised arrear pension. Such payment shall be made within 12 weeks from the date of service of an authenticated copy of this order.

Needless to mention that before any disbursement is made, the disbursing authority shall satisfy himself about the genuineness of the claim and verify the signature and identity of the claimant, who is before this Court.

With the aforesaid observation and directions, this writ application stands disposed of.

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

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for be given to the petitioner on priority basis.

(Shampa Sarkar, J.)