

15.05.2023

WPA 9867 of 2023
Md Rownaque Ali Shahji
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Banshi Badan Maity
... .. for the petitioner
Mr. Lakshmi Narayan Banerjee
... .. for the State
Affidavit-of-service, filed in Court, is taken on
record.

The petitioner was an approved **Assistant Teacher**
at **Harinkhola D.U. Sinior Madrasah, District – North**
24-Pargahas. He had retired from **his** employment on
31.12.2020.

The **Pension Payment Order** was issued by the
concerned respondent on **24.12.2021**. The petitioner
had received pension and gratuity under the **Pension**
Payment Order on **14.01.2022**. The petitioner was
entitled to pensionary benefit from the date of retirement,
the same was not paid.

The petitioner now claims interest for the delayed
payment of the said revised gratuity and arrear pension
on and from 01.01.2021.

Mr. Lakshmi Narayan Banerjee, learned advocate
appears for the State/respondents.

It is trite that, the pension, which is lawfully
payable to an employee is its property and if there is any
delay in making such payment and the disbursement
thereof in favour of such employee, such an employee is
eligible and entitle to receive interest.

In view of the above, the respondents and or the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer are directed to pay interest on the ***gratuity*** and on ***arrear pension @ 8% per annum*** on and from the date of retirement till the date of actual payment being received by the petitioner in terms of the **Pension Payment Order**.

The entire exercise as directed above, shall be carried out and completed positively by the respondents and or the **Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer** within a period of **eight weeks** from the date of communication of this order. **In default**, the said arrear amounts and the entitlement of the petitioner shall carry an **additional interest of 2% per annum** till the date the petitioner actually receives the same.

Since affidavits are not called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted by the respondents.

On the above terms, this writ petition being **WPA 9867 of 2023** stands disposed of, without any order as to costs.

Photostat certified of this order, if applied for, be furnished expeditiously.

(Aniruddha Roy, J.)