

14.09.2023
Item No.41
Court No.18
P.Jana

W.P.A. 18276 of 2023

Kamala Kanta Jana
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Bratati Datta,
.....for the petitioner.

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

In spite of service, none appears on behalf of the State-respondents.

The petitioner was an approved Teaching Staff of Ramkrishna Mission Boys Home, Junior Technical School, Raharah, District: North 24 Parganas and retired from his said service on superannuation on July 31, 2014.

The petitioner is claiming to have exercised option to switch over to Pension-cum-Gratuity from CPF-cum-Gratuity and refunded the employer's share of contribution with interest and additional interest within the time limited by the notification of the Government of West Bengal bearing No. 749-SE(L)/SL/5S-56/13(Pt-V) dated June 13, 2014.

The grievance of the petitioner is that the Pension Payment Order was issued with effect from the date of the aforesaid refund, instead from the date following the date of his retirement on superannuation.

The petitioner by the instant writ petition is praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus commanding the respondents to release the arrear

pension from the date following such date of retirement.

In view of the judgment of the Special Bench of this Court in the case of ***DISTRICT INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS(SE), KOLKATA vs. ABHIJIT BAIDYA*** reported in **2013(3) CHN (CAL) 711** and in view of subsequent clarification of some of the paragraphs of the said judgment by the Special Bench in its order dated **September 30, 2019** on **G.A. 464 of 2018**, the issue is no longer *res integra*.

The concerned Director, Directorate of Industrial Training, Technical Education, Training and Skill Development Department, Government of West Bengal, is directed to verify the records expeditiously to ascertain as to whether the petitioner had exercised the said option and refunded the employer's share of contribution.

In the event, it is found that the said option was so exercised, the said authority shall process the claim of the petitioner for arrears of pension and shall forward the necessary recommendation and/or sanction to the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, who, in turn, shall take steps to issue Revised Pension Payment Order in favour of the petitioner with effect from the date following the date of his retirement on superannuation and the concerned Treasury Officer, thereafter shall release the pension in accordance with the Revised Pension Payment Order.

Entire exercise in this regard is required to be completed within a period of twelve weeks from the date of communication of this order.

W.P.A. 18276 of 2023 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.)