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Item No.37
Court No.18
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**Calcutta High Court
In The Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Appellate Side**

W.P.A. 28 of 2023

**Saraswati Roy Dhar
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Debajit Kundu
.....for the petitioner.
Mr. Hirak Barman,
Ms. Bedashruti Bose
.....for the State.

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

The petitioner was an approved Head Teacher of
a Primary school and retired from her said service on
superannuation on March 31, 2017.

The first pension payment order of the
petitioner was issued on March 28, 2017.

Under the ROPA Rules, 2019, there was
revision of the pension, gratuity and computation of
pension of the pensioners vide Memorandum of the
Government of West Bengal bearing No.
53/ES/P/P&B/10M-99/2019 dated February 14,
2020 and the revised pension payment order of the
petitioner under ROPA, 2019 was issued on
December 16, 2021, in terms of the said revised
pension payment order, the petitioner received the
arrear pension on January 20, 2022.

The petitioner in the instant writ petition is
claiming that she is entitled to interest for the
delayed payment of the said arrear pension and is

praying issuance of writ of mandamus commanding the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer, the respondents herein, to pay such interest.

Learned advocate for the State-respondents does not oppose the prayer of the petitioner.

It is now well settled that the petitioner is entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

The aforementioned respondents are, therefore directed to pay interest on the arrear pension @ 8% per annum from the date of notification of the aforesaid Government order i.e. February 14, 2020 till the date of payment of arrear pension in terms of the said revised Pension payment order.

The payment, as aforesaid, shall be made within a period of twelve weeks from the date of communication of this order, in default, the said arrears amount shall fetch an additional interest of 2% per annum.

W.P.A. 28 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.)