

In the High Court at Calcutta
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side
WPA 417 of 2023
Dinesh Chandra Barman
-versus-
State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh,Adv.
Ms. Bedashruti Bose,Adv.
..for respondent.

Affidavit of service filed by the
petitioner be kept with record.

The petitioner has retired from service
on 30th June, 2016 and the first PPO was
issued on 29th June, 2016. In the meantime,
ROPA rule was introduced with effect from
1st January, 2019 and subsequently on 7th
October, 2020 the revised PPO was issued
and actual pension and gratuity were
released in favour of the petitioner on
13.10.2020. Now the petitioner claims for
interest on gratuity from 30th June, 2016 till
13th October, 2020 as well as interest on
arrears of pension with effect from 30th
June, 2016 till 13.10.2020.

Considered the submission made by the Counsel for the petitioner, this Court finds that there is a delay of more than four years in releasing gratuity and pension of the petitioner. The petitioner is entitled to get the interest at the rate of 10 per cent on the gratuity amount as well as arrears of pension with effect from 30th June, 2016 till 13.10.2020. The respondent nos. 2 and 3 are directed to release interest on gratuity amount as well as on arrears of pension at the rate of 10% per annum within a period of four weeks from the date of communication of this order.

WPA No. 417/2023 is thus disposed of.

(Krishna Rao, J.)