

**In the High Court at Calcutta**  
**Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri**  
**Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction**  
**Appellate Side**

**WPA 418 of 2023**

**Ratan Kumar Sutradhar**  
**-versus-**  
**State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh,Adv.  
Mr. Pretom Das,Adv.  
..for respondent.

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

The petitioner has retired from service  
on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 and the first PPO was  
issued on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. In the meantime,  
ROPA Rule was introduced with effect from  
1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 and subsequently on 1<sup>st</sup>  
November, 2020 the revised PPO was issued  
and actual pension and gratuity were  
released in favour of the petitioner on  
9.11.2020. Now the petitioner claims for  
interest on gratuity as well as the arrears of  
pension with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 till  
9.11.2020.

Considered the submission made by  
the Counsel for the petitioner, this Court

finds that there is a delay of about one year 10 months in releasing gratuity and pension of the petitioner. The petitioner is entitled to get the interest on the gratuity amount as well as on arrears of pension with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 till 9.11.2020. The respondent nos. 2 and 3 are directed to release the interest on gratuity amount as well as on arrears of pension at the rate of 7% per annum within a period of four weeks from the date of communication of this order.

WPA No. 418/2023 is thus disposed of.

**(Krishna Rao, J.)**