

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction**

**WPA No. 1582 of 2023
Smriti Ghosh (Das Biswas)
Versus
State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Debajit Kundu
...for the Petitioner

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh
Mr. Pretom Das
...for the State

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the
petitioner is taken on record.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The husband of the petitioner was appointed
as Assistant teacher in Singimari B. F. Primary
School and died in harness on 12th March, 2016.
Pension payment order was issued in favour of the
petitioner on 28th November, 2016. Subsequently
there was a revision of the pension and gratuity
amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA
Rules, 2019 with effect from 1st January, 2020 and
revised pension payment order was issued on 17th
March, 2022. The revised gratuity was disbursed in
favour of the petitioner only on 2nd May, 2022. The

petitioner claims interest on delayed payment of the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Jalpaiguri-II are directed to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 14th February, 2020 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment be made within one month from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions this writ petition is disposed of.

There shall be however, no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit has been invited, allegations contained in the writ petition shall be deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on compliance of requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J)