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Item No.61

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

**WPA No. 1715 of 2022
Manowara Begam
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Anirban Chakraborty
...for the Petitioner

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh
Bedashruti Bose
...for the State

Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.

The husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher of a High School who died in harness on 21st June, 2019. The pension payment order was issued on 22nd November, 2019. Subsequently, there was a revision of the pension and the gratuity amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA Rules, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on 19th August, 2021. The revised gratuity amount was disbursed in favour of the petitioner only on 27th December, 2021. The petitioner claims interest on delayed payment of the revised gratuity 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, Coochbehar-II are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 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 is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to be admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be furnished to the parties upon compliance of necessary formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh,J)