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(D/L-114)
Ct.-18
(SD)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 1056 of 2024

Asok Kumar Pal
Vs
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Arun Khutia

.... For the Petitioner.

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

In spite of service, none appears on behalf of the
State-respondents.

The petitioner was an approved Assistant Teacher of
a secondary school and retired from his said service on
superannuation on April 30, 2016.

The first pension payment order of the petitioner was
issued on December 22, 2016.

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
September 22, 2021, in terms thereof, the petitioner
received the arrear pension and gratuity on September 22,
2021.

The petitioner in the instant writ petition is claiming
that he is entitled to interest for the delayed payment of the
said gratuity and 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.

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 revised gratuity and 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 revised gratuity and 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. 1056 of 2024 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.)