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W.P.A. 1787 of 2024

Gunadhar Chandra Ghorui
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra.
... .. for the petitioner

Despite service of notice, the respondents are not represented. Affidavit of service filed in court today is kept with the record.

The petitioner was a Job Assistant of a Gram Panchayat, who retired on 30.11.2018. The first pension payment order was issued on 05.12.2018. Under the ROPA Rules, 2019 there was revision of the pensionary and gratuity amount payable to the petitioner. The revised pension payment order was issued on 23.03.2021 and the gratuity and revised arrear pension was disbursed on 05.04.2021 in terms of ROPA, 2019. The petitioner claims interest on delayed payment of the revised gratuity and revised arrear pension amount.

In view of the above and after hearing the learned Counsel for the parties, I direct the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal as also the concerned Treasury Officer to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and revised arrear pension calculated from the date of entitlement till the date of actual payment. Such payment is to be made within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

With these observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

Since, no affidavit-in-opposition has been called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to have not been admitted by the respondents.

There will be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties, on priority basis.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)