

**30.01.2024
Court No. 13
Item No. 97
AP**

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side**

WPA 1834 of 2024

**Jyotsna Biswas
-versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Arpita Saha

...For the Petitioner.

Mr. Rabindra Nath Chakraborty

...for the State

The affidavit of service filed by the learned Advocate for the petitioner in Court today be kept on record.

The husband of the petitioner was a village organizer of Ranaghat II Project who retired on 31.01.2018. The first pension payment order was issued on 13.03.2018. 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 31.01.2022 and the revised gratuity amount was disbursed on 31.01.2022 in terms of ROPA, 2019. The husband of the petitioner died on 05.12.2022. 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 @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and revised arrear pension amount calculated on and from 01.08.2017 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 the aforesaid 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.)