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(D/L-81)
Ct.-19
(Susanta)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 13962 of 2024

Anita Maity & Ors.
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Anirban Chakraborty,
.... For the Petitioners.
Mr. Biplab Majumder,
.... For the State.

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

The husband of the petitioner No.1 was an
approved Head Teacher of a primary school and died-
in-harness on January 07,2017.

The first Pension Payment Order of the
employee concerned was issued on August 11, 2017.

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
employee concerned under ROPA, 2019 was issued
on May 02, 2022, in terms of the said revised
pension payment order, the petitioners received the
arrear family pension and gratuity on May 07, 2022.

The petitioners in the instant writ petition are
claiming that they are 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.

Learned advocate for the State-respondents does not oppose the prayer of the petitioners.

It is now well settled that the petitioners are entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

The aforementioned respondents are, therefore directed to pay interest on the revised gratuity and arrear family 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 family 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 13962 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.)