

20.03.2024  
(D/L-38)  
Ct.-18  
(Susanta)

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION**

W.P.A. 18431 of 2022

Swaraj Kumar Bera  
-Vs-  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Tamal Taru Panda,  
.... 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 August 31, 2009.

The first pension payment order of the  
petitioner was issued on August 20, 2009.

Under the ROPA Rules, 2009, there was  
revision of the pension, gratuity and computation of  
pension of the pensioners vide Memorandum of the  
Government of West Bengal bearing No. 73-  
SE(B)/IM-4/2009 dated May 19, 2009 and the  
revised pension payment order of the petitioner  
under ROPA, 2009 was issued on July 02, 2012, in  
terms thereof, the petitioner received the arrear  
pension on September 04, 2012.

The petitioner in the instant writ petition is  
claiming that he is entitled to interest for the delayed  
payment of the said 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 arrear pension @ 8% per annum from the date of notification of the aforesaid Government order i.e. May 19, 2009 till the date of payment of revised 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. 18431 of 2022 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.)**