

02.09.2024
Court No. 18
Item No. 32
(Suvendu)

WPA 21355 OF 2024

Sudhangshu Pratihar
-vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury

....for the petitioner.

Ms. Neelam Singh

....for the State.

Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

Since no one is representing State respondents in spite of service, Ms. Neelam Singh, learned advocate who is present in Court and usually appears on behalf of the State respondents, is requested to enter appearance on behalf of the State respondents. Let engagement of Ms. Neelam Singh be regularized by the office of the learned Government Pleader.

The writ petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30th September, 2016. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 27th September, 2016 and as per the first Pension Payment Order disbursement of retiral dues was made in favour of the petitioner. Subsequently, due to revision of pay as per ROPA 2019 revised Pension Payment Order was issued on 2nd March, 2021. The writ petitioner claims interest on revised gratuity as per revised Pension Payment Order.

State respondents are represented by learned advocate.

Accordingly, the Director of Pension Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer are directed to pay

interest at the rate of **8%** per annum to the writ petitioner on revised gratuity as per revised Pension Payment Order from 14th February, 2020 till the date of actual disbursement of the revised gratuity amount in favour of the petitioner, within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)