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(Suvendu)

W.P.A. 22400 of 2024

Dinesh Chandra Ghosh

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Kalyan Kumar Panda

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Sadhan Kumar Haldar

Ms. Tuhina Parvin

....for the State.

Affidavit-of-service filed in Court is kept with the record.

The petitioner is husband of a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30th April, 2016. After superannuation, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 19th April, 2016 and as per the first Pension Payment Order disbursement of retiral dues was made in favour of the retired teacher. Subsequently, due to revision of pay as per ROPA 2019 revised Pension Payment Order was issued on 4th June, 2021. Thereafter petitioner's wife died on 25th May, 2023. The 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 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 retired teacher, 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.)