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W.P.A. 24824 of 2024

Keshab Chandra Saren

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Pradyot Kumar Das

....for the State.

Matter was taken up for consideration on 1st October, 2024 when no one appeared for the State respondents and Court directed the learned advocate representing the petitioner to serve notice upon the learned advocate representing the State respondents.

Notice dated 22nd November, 2024 is filed today and same is taken on record.

The writ petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30th November, 2018. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 24th December, 2018 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 17th May, 2021. The writ petitioner claims interest on revised gratuity as per revised Pension Payment Order due to delayed payment.

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.)