

W.P.A. 26999 of 2024

**Santi Nath Das
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra
Ms. Arpita Saha

...for the Petitioner

Ms. Lipika Chatterjee

...for the State

Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record. In spite of service of notice no one is representing the State respondents. Ms. Lipika Chatterjee, learned advocate is present in Court who usually represents state respondents. Ms. Chatterjee is requested to enter appearance on behalf of the State respondents and her engagement be regularized by the office of the learned Government Pleader.

The writ petitioner is a retired Headmaster, who superannuated on 31st July, 2016. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 10th May, 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 18th October, 2020. 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.)