

W.P.A. 28394 of 2024

**Bharati Jha
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra
...for the petitioner
Ms. Mousumi Banerjee
...for the State

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

The petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30th September, 2016. Due to superannuation of the petitioner, 1st Pension Payment Order was issued on 15th 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 16th March, 2022. The 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, West Bengal 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 revised gratuity amount in favour of the petitioner, within a period of 8 (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.)