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W.P.A. 28953 of 2024

Jharna Malakar

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Arpita Saha

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Saswati Chatterjee

....for the State.

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

The writ petitioner is a retired Assistant Headmaster, who superannuated on 31st July, 2016. Due to superannuation of the writ petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 6th June, 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 4th 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.)