

W.P.A. 29320 of 2024

**Manasi Khamaru
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Arun Khutia

...for the petitioner

Ms. Soumi Guha Thakurta

...for the State

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

Husband of the petitioner was an assistant teacher who died in harness on 3rd August, 2016. After death of the husband of the petitioner 1st Pension Payment Order was issued on 18th October, 2017 thereby releasing terminal benefits including death gratuity in favour of the petitioner. Subsequently, on revision of pay as per ROPA 2019 revised Pension Payment Order was issued on 17th October, 2021. The petitioner prays for interest on revised gratuity 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.)