

06.03.2025
Item No.76
Court No.18
AJ.

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION**

W.P.A. 463 of 2025

**Trishna Jha
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra.
.....for the petitioner.

Affidavit-of-service filed by the learned advocate for the petitioner be kept with the record.

None appears on behalf of the State respondent in spite of service.

The husband of the petitioner was an approved Assistant Teacher of a Primary school who died-in-harness on November 26, 2018.

The first pension payment order of the employee concerned was issued on September 12, 2019.

Under the ROPA Rules, 2019, there was revision of the pension, gratuity and computation of pension of the pensioners vide Memorandum of the Government of West Bengal bearing No. 53/ES/P/P&B/10M-99/2019 dated February 14, 2020 and the revised pension payment order of the employee concerned under ROPA, 2019 was issued on March 16, 2022 and in terms thereof, the arrear amount of pension and gratuity was disbursed on March 18, 2022.

The petitioner in the instant writ petition is claiming that she is entitled to interest for the delayed payment of the said gratuity and arrear family pension and is praying issuance of writ of mandamus commanding the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer, the respondents herein, to pay such interest.

It is now well settled that the petitioner is entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

The aforementioned respondents are, therefore directed to pay interest on the revised gratuity and revised arrear family pension @ 8% per annum from the date of notification of the aforesaid Government order i.e. February 14, 2020 till the date of payment of revised gratuity and revised arrear family pension in terms of the said revised family Pension payment order.

The payment, as aforesaid, shall be made within a period of twelve weeks from the date of communication of this order, in default, the said arrears amount shall fetch an additional interest of 2% per annum.

W.P.A. 463 of 2025 stands disposed of with the above directions. There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties

subject to compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Biswajit Basu, J.)