

16.04.2025
Ct.18
(Suvendu)
Item 1864

W.P.A. 577 of 2024

Ahalya Patra Jana

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Banshi Badan Maity

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandipan Maity

....for the State.

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

Petitioner is widow of a retired non-teaching staff (Clerk), who died-in-harness on 2nd May, 2018. After death of husband of petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 3rd September, 2019 releasing family pension, death gratuity and other terminal benefits. Subsequently, due to revision of pay as per ROPA 2019 revised Pension Payment Order was issued on 17th June, 2021. 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 petitioner on revised gratuity as per revised pension payment order from 14th February, 2020 till the date of actual disbursement of the revised gratuity, 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.)