

**W.P.A. 824 of 2025**

**Sitesh Mandal**  
**Vs.**  
**The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Anirban Chakraborty  
...for the Petitioner

Mr. Santanu Chatterjee  
...for the State

Learned advocate representing the petitioner submits that in spite of her best efforts she could not serve notice upon learned advocate representing the State respondents.

Today State respondents are not represented.

Mr. Santanu Chatterjee, learned advocate is present in Court who usually represents State respondents. Office of the learned Government Pleader is requested to regularize engagement of Mr. Santanu Chatterjee. Mr. Santanu Chatterjee is permitted to enter his appearance on behalf of the State respondents.

The writ petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2019. Due to superannuation of the writ petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 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 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020. The writ petitioner claims interest on

revised gratuity as per revised Pension Payment Order due to delayed payment.

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 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 till the date of actual disbursement of the revised gratuity amount in favour of the petitioner, within a period of eight (8) 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.

Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

**(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)**