

W.P.A. 1164 OF 2025

**Mrinal Kanti Dhar
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Others**

Ms. Sreyasree Chowdhury, Adv.

...for the Petitioner

Ms. Shabnam Farooqui, Adv.

...for the State

1. Learned advocate representing the petitioner submits that due to non-availability of the learned advocate for the State respondents notice could not be served upon him in terms of the previous order.
2. Ms. Shabnam Farooqui, learned advocate is present in Court, who usually represents State respondents. Office of the learned Government Pleader is requested to regularize engagement of Ms. Shabnam Farooqui. Ms. Shabnam Farooqui is permitted to enter her appearance on behalf of the State respondents.
3. The writ petitioner is a retired Head Master, who superannuated on 29th February, 2020. Due to superannuation of the writ petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 28th February, 2020 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 13th April, 2021. The writ petitioner claims interest on revised gratuity as per revised Pension Payment Order due to delayed payment.

4. 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 the date following the date of retirement of the petitioner 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.
5. Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.
6. With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.
7. There shall be no order as to costs.
8. Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)