

W.P.A. 1856 of 2025

**Nowser Ali Baidya
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Arabinda Das

...for the State

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

The writ petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 31st March, 2016. Due to superannuation of the writ petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 25th February, 2016 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 23rd August, 2021. The writ petitioner claims interest on revised gratuity as per revised Pension Payment Order due to delayed payment.

Inadvertently in the writ petition instead of 31st March, 2016 date of retirement of the petitioner is stated as 30th March, 20216 but learned advocate representing the petitioner submits that petitioner retired on superannuation on 31st March, 2016 which is corroborated by pension payment order at page 13 of the writ petition wherefrom it is found that pension was sanctioned on and from 1st April, 2016. Date of

sanctioning pension on and from 1st April, 2016 goes to show that petitioner retired on superannuation on 31st March, 2016.

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 writ petitioner on revised gratuity as per revised pension payment order from 14th 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.)