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(Suvendu)

W.P.A. 2358 of 2025

Aloke Kumar Kundu

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra

....for the petitioner

Ms. Lipika Chatterjee

.....for the State

1. Learned advocate representing the petitioner submits in spite of effort was made to effect service upon learned advocate representing State respondents in terms of previous order service could not be effected.

2. State respondents are not represented.

3. Ms. Lipika Chatterjee, learned advocate who is present in Court and usually appears on behalf of the State respondents, is requested to enter appearance on behalf of the State respondents. Let engagement of Ms. Lipika Chatterjee be regularized by the office of the learned Government Pleader.

4. Petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 31st July, 2016. Due to superannuation of petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 6th May, 2016 and as per 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 5th April, 2021. Petitioner claims interest on revised gratuity as per revised Pension Payment Order due to delayed payment.

5. 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 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 weeks from the date of communication of this order.

6. Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

7. With the above observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.

8. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)