

W.P.A. 4510 OF 2025

**RAJLAXHMI CHATTOPADHYAY
VS.
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS**

Mr. Goutam Malik, Adv.

...for the Petitioner

Ms. Mousumi Biswas, Adv.

...for the State

1. In terms of previous order notice served upon learned advocate representing the State respondents is filed before this Court and same is taken on record.
2. State respondents are represented today.
3. Husband of the petitioner was a retired Assistant Headmaster, who superannuated on 31st December, 2017. Due to superannuation of husband of the petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 15th December, 2017 and as per the first Pension Payment Order disbursement of retiral dues was made in favour of husband of the petitioner. Subsequently, due to revision of pay as per ROPA 2019 revised Pension Payment Order was issued on 5th March, 2021. Thereafter husband of the petitioner died on 17th October, 2023. 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 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.

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.)