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(Suvendu)

W.P.A. 4515 of 2025

Nilima Hansda

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury

....for the petitioner

Mr. Subrata Das Gupta

...for the State

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

Husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 28th February, 2018. After superannuation of husband of the petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 15th June, 2018 thereby releasing retiral dues including pension. Subsequently, due to revision of pay as per ROPA 2019 revised Pension Payment Order was issued on 3rd June, 2021. Husband of the petitioner died on 8th November, 2023. Petitioner being widow claims interest on revised gratuity due to delayed payment.

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 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 retired teacher, within a period of eight 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.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)