

25.07.2025  
(D/L-20)  
Ct.-17  
(Susanta  
Samar)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA  
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

W.P.A. 8419 of 2025

Sakti Pada Ghatak

-Vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra,

.... for the Petitioner.

Affidavit-of-service filed by the learned advocate  
for the petitioner be kept with the record.

In spite of service, none appears on behalf of  
the State-respondents.

The petitioner was an approved Librarian of a  
library under the Department of Mass Education  
Extension & Library Services, on attaining the age  
of superannuation, he had retired from his said  
service on November 30, 2017.

The first pension payment order of the  
petitioner was issued on May 10, 2018.

Under the ROPA Rules, 2019, there was  
revision of the pension, gratuity and commutation of  
the pensioners/family pensioners vide Memorandum  
of the Department of Mass Education Extension &  
Library Services, Government of West Bengal bearing  
No. 471/MEE/Sectt/Estt/EM/O/Estt/I'O'-15/2020  
dated September 16, 2020 and the revised pension  
payment order of the petitioner under ROPA, 2019  
was issued on November 24, 2022 in terms thereof,  
the petitioner has received the arrear pension and  
gratuity on December 21, 2022.

The petitioner in the instant writ petition is claiming that he is entitled to interest for the delayed payment of the said gratuity and arrear pension and is praying issuance of writ of mandamus commanding the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer, the respondents herein, to pay such interest.

It is now well settled that the petitioner is entitled to the interest, as prayed for.

The aforementioned respondents are, therefore directed to pay interest on the revised gratuity and revised arrear pension @ 8% per annum from the date of notification of the aforesaid Government order i.e. September 16, 2020 till the date of payment of revised gratuity and revised arrear pension in terms of the said revised Pension payment order.

The payment, as aforesaid, shall be made within a period of twelve weeks from the date of communication of this order, in default, the said arrears amount shall fetch an additional interest of 2% per annum.

W.P.A. 8419 of 2025 stands disposed of with the above terms. There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties subject to compliance with all requisite formalities.

**(Biswajit Basu, J.)**