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25.07.2025
Court No.17
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 8886 of 2025

Uday Sankar Chatterjee

Vs.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Ria Bhunya

...for the Petitioner.

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner be kept with the record.

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

The petitioner was a Junior Library Attendant of the 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 February 28, 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 December 31, 2021 in terms thereof, the petitioner has received the arrear pension and gratuity on January 27, 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.

WPA 8886 of 2025 is disposed of without any order as to costs.

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

(Biswajit Basu, J.)