

**W.P.A. 9929 OF 2024**

**Mst. Rokeya Begam  
Vs.  
The State of West Bengal & Others**

Mr. Banshi Badan Maity, Adv.

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Anirban Datta, Adv.

...for the State

Affidavit-of-service filed in court is kept with the record.

Husband of the writ petitioner was a retired Headmaster, who superannuated on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2018. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018 and as per the first Pension Payment Order disbursement of retiral dues was made in favour of the petitioner. Thereafter, husband of the petitioner died on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. After death of husband of the petitioner, due to revision of pay as per ROPA 2019 revised Pension Payment Order was issued on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. The writ petitioner being widow claims interest on revised gratuity as per revised Pension Payment Order 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 writ petitioner on revised

gratuity as per revised pension payment order from 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

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

**(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)**