

W.P.A. 9754 OF 2025

BULBULI TALUKDAR MAITY

VS.

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS

Mr. Kinkar Kumar Bhattacharya, Adv.
...for the Petitioner

Ms. Lipika Chatterjee, Adv.
...for the State

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record. In spite of service of notice State respondents are not represented today.
2. Ms. Lipika Chatterjee, learned advocate, who usually represents State respondents, is requested to appear on behalf of the State respondents. Learned Government Pleader is requested to regularize engagement of Ms. Lipika Chatterjee.
3. The writ petitioner is a retired Headmistress, who superannuated on 31st October, 2019. After superannuation of the writ petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 6th March, 2020 and as per the first Pension Payment Order disbursement of retiral dues was made in favour of the petitioner. Subsequently, due to revision of pay as per ROPA 2019 revised Pension Payment Order was issued on 25th November, 2021. 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.)