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(Suvendu)

W.P.A. 10932 of 2024

Archana Bagchi

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Arpita Saha

....for the petitioner

1. Notice served upon learned advocate representing State respondents in terms of previous order is taken on record.
2. In spite of service of notice, respondents are not represented.
3. Husband of the petitioner was an Assistant Headmaster, who superannuated on 31st August, 2016. Due superannuation of husband of the petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 8th June, 2016 thereby releasing retiral dues including pension. Subsequently, due to revision of pay as per ROPA 2019 revised Pension Payment Order was issued on 28th December, 2020. Husband of the petitioner died on 1st August, 2021. Petitioner being widow claims interest on revised gratuity 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 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.
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.)