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SM Court No.759

WPA 16860 of 2024

**Anil Kumar Pandit
Vs
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Kalyan Kumar Panda
Mr. Sasthi Charan Dhara
Ms. Ankita Mukherjee

... for the petitioner

Ms. Devangana Dey Nayak

... for the State

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

The petitioner was a Head Teacher in a Primary
School, on attaining the age of superannuation he has
retired from service on 31.08.2023.

The petitioner is praying permission to refund the
Government's share of contribution in his provident
fund account with interest and additional interest to
avail the benefit of pension.

Mr. Kalyan Kumar Panda, learned advocate for
the petitioner submits that the petitioner since has
exercised option to come under ROPA, 1990 in terms of
the judgment dated July 26, 2023 passed by the
Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in MAT 146 of
2019 (The State of West Bengal & Ors. Vs. Muktimoyee

Pal (Dey) & Ors.), need not exercise a fresh option, but to get the benefit of pension, is obliged to refund the Government's share of contribution in his provident fund account.

The District Inspector of Schools (P.E.), Bankura, the respondent no. 4 herein is therefore directed to calculate the amount required to be refunded by the petitioner to get the benefit of pension and upon deposit of the said amount, the said respondent, being the pension sanctioning authority shall verify the pension papers of the petitioner and shall send the same to the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal, the respondent no.3 herein for further steps to be taken in accordance with law for issuance of the Pension Payment Order in favour of the petitioner.

The respondent nos. 4 & 3 shall complete their respective drills in this regard as expeditiously as possible.

The pension shall be paid to the petitioner on and from the date of superannuation of the petitioner.

WPA 16860 of 2024 is disposed of with the above terms without any order as to costs.

All parties to act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if

applied for, be supplied to the parties, subject to compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Rajarshi Bharadwaj, J.)