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W.P.A. 27673 of 2024

**Sankar Talukdar
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Janaki Saha

...for the petitioner

Affidavit of service filed in Court is kept with the record.

In terms of the previous order notice dated 2nd December, 2024 was served upon the learned advocate representing the State respondents and the said notice is taken on record.

In spite of service of notice State respondents are not represented.

Petitioner is a retired Headmaster, who superannuated on 31st January, 2019. After superannuation of the petitioner, 1st Pension Payment Order was issued on 11th March, 2019 and as per the 1st 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 February, 2022. Petitioner claims interest on revised gratuity as per revised Pension Payment Order due to delayed payment.

Accordingly, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, West Bengal 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 petitioner, within a period of 8 (eight) 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.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)