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W.P.A. 29014 of 2024

Ashoke Kumar Saha

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra

Ms. Arpita Saha

....for the petitioner

Mr. Prashant Kumar Tripathi

..... for the state

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

In addition thereto, in terms of order dated 10th December, 2024 learned advocate representing the petitioner attempted to serve notice upon learned advocate representing State respondents but service could not be effected since learned advocate for the State respondents was out of station.

Since no one is representing State respondents, Mr. Prashant Kumar Tripathi, learned advocate who is present in Court and usually appears on behalf of the State respondents, is requested to enter appearance on behalf of the State respondents. Let engagement of Mr. Prashant Kumar Tripathi be regularized by the office of the learned Government Pleader.

Petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30th November, 2018. Due to superannuation of petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 12th November, 2018 and as per 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 11th September, 2021. 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 and the concerned Treasury Officer are directed to pay interest at the rate of **8%** per annum to 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 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 on usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)