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W.P.A. 28910 of 2023

Asok Kumar Som

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Antara Chatterjee

....for the petitioner

Mr. Kartik Chandra Kapas

....for the State.

In terms of previous order dated 5th March, 2025 notice has been served upon learned advocate representing State respondents. Affidavit of service enclosing notice dated 4th April, 2025 is filed on behalf of the petitioner and same is taken on record.

Petitioner is a retired Assistant Teacher, who superannuated on 30th November, 2019. Due to superannuation of petitioner, first Pension Payment Order was issued on 29th November, 2019 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 26th February, 2021. Petitioner claims interest on revised gratuity as per revised Pension Payment Order due to delayed payment.

State respondents are represented by learned advocate.

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.)