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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction**

WPA No. 1312 of 2025

Manju Dhar De
Vs.
The State of W.B. & Ors.

Ms. Nikita Paul	...for the petitioner.
Mr. Sumit Kumar	
Mr. Pradip Sarkar	..for the State.

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

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner was an approved teacher of Majher Dabri high school and superannuated on 31st January, 2016. Pension payment order was issued in favour of the petitioner by the concerned authority on 9th February, 2016. Subsequently, there was revision of payment of gratuity amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA Rules, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on 14th December, 2020. The revised gratuity and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner only on 18th December, 2020. The petitioner has prayed for interest on the revised

gratuity and arrear pension amount due to delay in disbursal of the same.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Alipurduar being the 2nd and 3rd respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 14th December, 2020 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment shall be made within one month from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions the writ petition is disposed of.

However, there shall be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to be admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)