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Item No.21

WPA No. 6831 of 2024
Swapam Kumar Adhikari
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Dilip Kumar Chatterjee
Mr. Durgabhusan Mukherjee ..for the petitioner

Mr. Mir Anuruzzaman
Sk. Musior Rahaman ...for the State

On the prayer of the petitioner liberty is granted to implead the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and Treasury Officer, Bankura as respondent nos. 5 and 6 in the writ petition. The cause title of the writ petition be amended accordingly. Since the State is represented, service of notice upon the added respondents is dispensed with.

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

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner was appointed as permanent Group 'D' employee (Panchayat Karmee) of Ramchandrapur Gram Panchayat and superannuated on January 31, 2024. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on January 27, 2025. The gratuity amount and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the

petitioner on February 18, 2025 and May 02, 2025 respectively. The commuted value of pension amount was disbursed on February 18, 2025. The petitioner has prayed for interest on the gratuity, arrear pension and commuted value of 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, Bankura, being the 5th and 6th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @8% per annum on the gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from February 01, 2024 till the date of actual payment of the amount and on commuted value of pension amount from March 01, 2024 till the date of actual payment. Such payment be made within two months from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observation and direction, the writ petition is disposed of.

There shall, however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been 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)