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rc/ct.no.15
Item No.18

WPA No. 8844 of 2026
Nishikanta Sarkar
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mrs. Sreyasree Choudhury ..for the petitioner

Mrs. Sanchayita De ...for the State

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

None appears for the State despite service.

Mrs. Sanchayita De, learned advocate, who usually appears on behalf of the State and is present in Court today, is requested to represent the State in this matter. The concerned authority is requested to regularise her appointment in this matter.

The petitioner is directed to serve a copy of this application along with annexure thereto upon Mrs. De in course of this day.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner was appointed as the Executive Assistant of Daulatabad Gram Panchayat and superannuated on July 31, 2017. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on July 04, 2017. Subsequently there was a revision of the pension and gratuity amount payable to the petitioner

under the ROPA Rules, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on May 12, 2022. The revised gratuity amount was disbursed in favour of the petitioner on May 18, 2022. The petitioner claims interest on delayed payment of the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount.

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, Berhampore-1, being the 2nd and 4th respondent herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from January 01, 2020 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment be made within two months from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions this 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)

