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**WPA 10234 of 2026**  
**(Swapam Kumar Bhandary vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)**

**Mr. Anirban Chakraborty**  
**.... For the Petitioner**  
**Ms. Mohuya Dutta Biswas**  
**.... For the State**

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

None appears for the respondents despite service.

Ms. Mohuya Dutta Biswas, learned counsel who is present in Court and usually appears for the State is requested to represent the State in this matter. Her appointment be regularised by the appropriate authority. The petitioner is directed to serve copy of the application along with annexure thereto upon Ms. Dutta Biswas in course of this day.

The petitioner was appointed as Job Assistant of Dobrana Gram Panchayat and superannuated on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2018.

Subsequently, there was revision of payment of pension and gratuity amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA Rules, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. The revised gratuity and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2021.

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, Asansol-I being the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment shall be made within two months from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions 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.)**