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Court No.24
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 10751 of 2024

Priti Deb (Biswas)
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Indrajit Biswas
Sk. Samsul Arefin
Mr. Rakesh Kumar Pandey

... for the Petitioner.

Mr. Vinayak Chaubey

... for the State.

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today be kept with the records.

2. The issue to be decided in the present writ petition is whether an employee will be entitled to receive pension on and from the date following retirement or from the date of refund of the employer's share of contribution.

3. The petitioner retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2008.

4. In response to the notification published by the School Education Department being No. 749-SE(L)/SL/55-56/13(Pt-V) dated 13th June, 2014 issued in compliance of the direction passed by the Hon'ble Special Bench of this Court in the judgment dated 16th July, 2013 in the matter of District Inspector of Schools (S.E.), Kolkata –vs- Abhijit Baidya the petitioner exercised option to switch over from CPF to GPF and claims to have refunded the employer's share of contribution with interest and additional interest.

5. Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the petitioner with effect from the date of refund of the employer's share of contribution.

6. The petitioner claims that pension ought to have been released on and from the next date of retirement and not from the date of refund of the employer's share of contribution.

7. A similar issue has been decided by this Court in the matter of WPA No. 964 of 2022 (Sitala Mandal (Chaudhuri) –vs- State of West Bengal & Ors.).

8. The judgment passed in the aforesaid matter on 8th February, 2022 will cover the present writ petition.

9. Instant writ petition is disposed of by directing the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance and the concerned Treasury Officer to verify the records, and in the event, it is found, that the petitioner exercised option and refunded the employer's share of contribution within the time specified in the notification dated 13th June, 2014, then steps shall be taken to issue Revised Pension Payment Order in favour of the petitioner with effect from the date following the date of retirement on superannuation and to release the pension in accordance with the Revised Pension Payment Order.

10. Such steps shall be taken within a period of twelve weeks from the date of communication of a copy of this order. Payment shall positively be released immediately upon issuance of the Revised Pension Payment Order.

11. Writ petition stands disposed.

12. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

13. Certified server copy of the order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)