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WPA 13057 of 2026
(Rabani Kalindi & Ors vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Ms. Sanchayita De
.... **For the Petitioners**
Mr. Madhu Jana
Ms. Puja Sonkar
.... **For the State**

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

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioners are the legal heirs of Madhab Chandra Kalindi who was appointed as Panchayat Karmee of Berada Gram Panchayat and died in harness on 27th January, 2017.

Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 10th October, 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 11th April, 2022. The revised gratuity and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the employee on 25th April, 2022.

The petitioners have 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, Purulia being the 3rd and 4th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 1st January, 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 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.)