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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

W.P.A. No. 14024 of 2026

Anowara Bibi
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Arpita Saha
...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Indrajit Roy Chowdhury
Mr. Sourav Sengupta
Ms. Tanusree Ghosh
...for the State.

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

2. By the present writ petition the petitioner seeks direction upon the respondent authorities to disburse interest on delayed payment of revised gratuity and arrear pension from the date of effect of ROPA 2019 till the date of actual payment @ 18% per annum.

3. The petitioner contends that her husband, late Md. Nazir Hossain was an Assistant Teacher of B.G.H.K.N.J. High Madrasah, Village-Harirampur, Post Office-Magura, Police Station-Pakhuria, District-Malda who retired from service on superannuation on 31st January, 2016. The first Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the petitioner on 1st February, 2016. The revised Pension Payment Order as per ROPA 2019 was issued on 17th August, 2021. The revised gratuity amount and arrear pension was paid to the

petitioner on 19th August, 2021. The husband of the petitioner died on 15th April, 2021. However, no interest has been paid on the delayed payment of revised gratuity and arrear pension. Hence this writ petition.

4. Ms. Arpita Saha, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entitled to interest on revised gratuity and arrear pension under ROPA, 2019 with effect from 14th February, 2020 till the date of actual payment. She seeks for appropriate orders.

5. Despite service none appears on behalf of the State.

6. Mr. Indrajit Roy Chowdhury, learned advocate, who usually appears on behalf of the State, is requested to appear in this matter along with junior of his choice. Let the appearance of Mr. Roy Chowdhury along with junior be regularised by the competent authority.

7. Learned advocate for the petitioner is directed to hand over a copy of the writ petition along with its annexures to the learned advocate for the State.

8. Mr. Roy Chowdhury, learned advocate for the State leaves the matter to the discretion of this Court.

9. From the contentions made in the writ petition, it is found that the petitioner is entitled to revised gratuity and arrear pension under ROPA, 2019 with effect from 14th February, 2020. The revised gratuity and arrear pension amount was disbursed to the petitioner belatedly. In view of the above, the petitioner is entitled

to receive interest on revised gratuity and arrear pension from date of effect of ROPA, 2019.

10. Accordingly, respondent no.2, Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and respondent no.3, Treasury Officer, Malda-I, are directed to disburse the interest at the rate of interest @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension in favour of the petitioner by way of pensionary benefits under ROPA, 2019 with effect from 14th February, 2020 till the date of actual payment. Such payment is to be made within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

11. Learned advocate for the petitioner is directed to communicate this order to respondent no.2, Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and respondent no.3, Treasury Officer, Malda-I, for necessary action.

12. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition being **WPA 14024 of 2026** is disposed of.

13. Since no affidavits have been called for, the allegation made in the writ petition is deemed to be not admitted.

14. Interim order, if any, stands vacated.

15. All connected applications, if any, stand disposed of.

16. There shall be no order as to costs.

17. All concerned parties shall act in terms of the copy of the order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

18. Urgent Photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on compliance of all necessary legal formalities.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)