

WPA 17637 of 2024

Kularanjan Singha
Vs.
The State of W. B. & Ors.

Mr. Krishnapada Santra ...for the petitioner.

Ms. Mohuya Dutta Biswas ...for the State.

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

None appears for the State despite service.

Ms. Mohuya Dutta Biswas who usually appears for the State and is present in Court, is requested to represent the State in the matter. Her appointment be regularized by the appropriate authority.

The petitioner is directed to serve copy of the writ petition along with annexure thereto upon Ms. Mohuya Dutta Biswas in course of this day.

The petitioner was appointed as Executive Assistant in Charianantapur Gram Panchayat and superannuated on 30th April, 2018.

Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 24th May, 2018.

Subsequently, there was revision of payment of gratuity amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA

Rules, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on 8th March, 2021. The revised gratuity and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 8th March, 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, Malda-I being the 2nd 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 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.)