

WPA 17668 of 2024

Narayan Chandra Mandal
Vs.
The State of W. B. & Ors.

Ms. Arpita Saha ...for the petitioner.

Mr. Bikash Chakraborty ...for the State.

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

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner was appointed as Executive Assistant under Berberia Gram Panchayat and superannuated on 31st March, 2017.

Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on 15th September, 2017.

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 7th July, 2021. The revised gratuity and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 13th July, 2021.

The petitioner has prayed for interest on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount due to delay in disbursement 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, Barrackpore-II 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 one month 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.)