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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE**

W.P.A. No. 17999 of 2025

Susanta Kumar Saha

Versus

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Krishna Keshab Paul

...for the Petitioner.

Ms. Mohuya Dutta Biswas

...for the State.

1. By the present writ petition, the petitioner seeks direction upon the respondent authorities for disbursement of 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.
2. The petitioner contends that he was the Head Teacher of Kulgachia F.P. School, P.O. Agrodwip (R.S.), District-Purba Bardhaman. The petitioner retired from service on superannuation on 30th September, 2016. The first Pension Payment Order was issued on 16th March, 2016. The revised Pension Payment Order was issued under ROPA, 2019 on 10th November, 2022. The revised gratuity and arrear pension as per ROPA, 2019 was disbursed to the petitioner on 31st December, 2022. However, no interest has been paid. Hence, this writ petition.

3. Mr. Krishna Keshab Paul, learned Advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entitled to interest on revised gratuity and arrear pension from the date of effect of ROPA 2019 i.e. 14th February, 2020. He seeks for appropriate orders.
4. On the last occasion, i.e. on 2nd February, 2026 an accommodation was sought for on behalf of Ms. Amrita Tewari, learned Advocate representing the State. Today, at the time of call, none appears on behalf of the State.
5. Ms. Moyuya Dutta Biswas, learned Advocate, who usually appears on behalf of the State-respondents is requested to appear in this matter. The appearance of Ms. Mohuya Dutta Biswas be regularised by the concerned authority.
6. Let a copy of the writ petition along with its annexure be served upon Ms. Dutta Biswas, learned Advocate for the State respondents.
7. Ms. Dutta Biswas, learned Advocate for the State leaves the matter to the discretion of the Court.
8. 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.

9. Accordingly, respondent No.2, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance and respondent No.4, the Treasury Officer, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman are directed to disburse the interest @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension from the date of effect of ROPA, 2019 i.e. 14th February, 2020 till the date of actual payment. Such payment is to be made within a period of eight weeks from date of communication of this order.
10. Learned advocate for the petitioner is directed to communicate this order to respondent No.2, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance and respondent No.4, the Treasury Officer, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman, for necessary compliance.
11. With the above direction, the writ petition being **WPA 17999 of 2025** stands disposed of.
12. Since no affidavits have been called for, the allegation made in the writ petition is deemed to be not admitted.
13. Interim order, if any, stands vacated.
14. All connected applications, if any, stand disposed of.
15. There shall be no order as to costs.
16. All concerned parties shall act in terms of the copy of the order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

17. 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.)