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

WPA/17993/2025
JYOTIRMOY SARDAR
VS
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.

Mrs. Sudipa Banerjee

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Tapas Kumar Dey

...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 respondents to disburse the interest towards the delayed payment of gratuity and arrear pension amount at the rate of 18% per annum under ROPA 2019 with effect from 14th February, 2020 till the date of actual payment.
3. The petitioner contends that he was an approved Head Teacher of Badeballavpur F.P. School, Post Office Dulalpur, District South 24 Parganas. The petitioner retired from service on superannuation on 31st March, 2018. The first pension payment order was issued on 13th December, 2019. The revised pension payment order under ROPA 2019 was issued on 24th May, 2023. The revised gratuity and arrear

pension amount was disbursed to the petitioner on 30th June, 2023. However, no interest was paid on the delayed payment of gratuity and arrear pension. Hence this writ petition.

4. Ms. Sudipa Banerjee, learned advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entitled to the interest on revised gratuity and arrear pension under ROPA 2019 with effect from 14th February, 2020. She seeks for appropriate orders.
5. Mr. Tapas Kumar Dey, learned advocate for the State leaves the matter to the discretion of the Court.
6. In terms of ROPA 2019, the petitioner is entitled to receive the revised amount with effect from 14th February, 2020. The revised pension payment order under ROPA 2019 was issued on 24th May, 2023. The revised gratuity and arrear pension amount was disbursed to the petitioner on 30th June, 2023. In view of the above, the petitioner is entitled to receive interest on revised gratuity and arrear pension under ROPA 2019 with effect from 14th February, 2020 under ROPA 2019.
7. Accordingly, respondent no. 2, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and respondent no. 3, the Treasury Officer, Diamond Harbour, are directed to disburse the interest at the rate of @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension in favour of the petitioner by way of all 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.

8. Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner is directed to communicate this order to respondent no. 2, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and respondent no. 3, the Treasury Officer, Diamond Harbour, for necessary compliance.
9. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition being **WPA 17993 of 2025** is disposed of.
10. Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to have been denied.
11. Consequently, connected applications, if any, stand disposed of.
12. Interim orders, if any, stand vacated.
13. There shall be no order as to costs.
14. 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.)