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

WPA/18153/2025
DILIP KUMAR RUDRA
VS
STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.

Mr. Krishna Keshab Paul

...for the Petitioner.

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 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 18% per annum.
3. The petitioner contends that he was appointed as an Head Teacher of Gomai F.P. School, P.O.- Ketugram, District-Purba Bardhaman. The petitioner retired from service on superannuation on 31st July, 2017. The first Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of the petitioner 13th June, 2017. The revised Pension Payment Order as per ROPA 2019 was issued on 21st June, 2021. The revised gratuity amount and arrear pension was paid to the petitioner 22nd June, 2021. However, no interest has been paid on revised gratuity and arrear pension. Hence this writ petition.

4. Mr. Krishna Keshab Paul, learned advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entitled to interest on revised gratuity and arrear pension from date of effect of ROPA 2019 i.e. 14th February, 2020. He seeks for appropriate orders.
5. None appears on behalf of the State.
6. Ms. Lipika Chatterjee, learned advocate, who usually appears for the State, is requested to appear in this matter. Let her appointment be regularised by concerned authority.
7. The petitioner is directed to hand over a copy of the writ petition along with the annexures to Ms. Lipika Chatterjee, learned advocate for the State.
8. Ms. Chatterjee, learned advocate for the State leaves the matter to the discretion of the Court.
9. From the contention 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.4, Treasury Officer, Katwa are directed to pay the interest at the rate of

interest @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension in favour of the petitioner on and 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 the date of communication of this order.

11. Learned advocate for the petitioner is directed to communicate this order to the respondent no.2, Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and respondent no.4, Treasury Officer, Katwa for necessary action.
12. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition being **WPA 18153 of 2025** 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.)