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

W.P.A. No. 18291 of 2025

**Rina Dey Chowdhury
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Jonaki Saha

...for the Petitioner.

Ms. Sanchayita De

...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 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.
3. The petitioner contends that her husband was an approved Head Teacher of Narua Sikshaniketan Primary School, District Hooghly, who retired from service on superannuation on 31st August, 2019. The first pension payment order was issued in favour of the husband of the petitioner on 19th December, 2019 and the revised pension payment order was issued in favour of the husband of the petitioner on 23rd August, 2023. The revised gratuity and arrear

pension amount were disbursed in favour of the husband of the petitioner on 31st August, 2023. The petitioner's husband died on 6th April, 2024. However, no interest on delayed payment of such amount was made to the petitioner. Hence, this writ petition.

4. Ms. Jonaki Saha, learned Advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entitled to interest on revised gratuity amount and arrear pension amount from the date of effect of ROPA, 2019, i.e. 14th February, 2020. She seeks for appropriate orders.
5. Despite service, none appears on behalf of the State.
6. Ms. Sanchayita De, learned Advocate, who usually appears on behalf of the State-respondent is requested to appear in this matter. The appearance of Ms. De be regularised by the competent authority.
7. Learned Advocate for the petitioner is directed to serve a copy of the writ petition along with its annexure upon Ms. Sanchayita De, learned Advocate for the State.
8. Ms. De, learned Advocate for the State leaves the matter to the discretion of this Court.
9. 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 from date of effect of ROPA 2019.

10. Accordingly, the respondent No.2, Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance as well as respondent no.4, Treasury Officer, Chandernagore is directed to disburse interest @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount in favour of the petitioner from the date of effect of ROPA, 2019 i.e. 14th February, 2020 till the date of actual payment, 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 and the respondent no.4, Treasury Officer, Chandernagore, for necessary compliance.
12. With the aforesaid direction, the writ petition being **WPA 18291 of 2025** stands 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.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)