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

WPA/19921/2025
NAMITA MUKHI MANDI AND ORS.
VS
STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.

Mr. Krishna Pada Santra

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Arun Kumar Saha

...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 for disbursement of interest on 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 petitioners are the wife, daughter and son respectively of the deceased employee. The concerned employee was an Assistant Teacher of Bhursatora Primary School, Post Office – Amlatore, District – Paschim Medinipur who died in harness on 21st February, 2017. The first pension payment order was issued on 24th July, 2019. The revised pension payment order under ROPA 2019 was issued on 14th January, 2022. The revised gratuity and arrear

pension amount was disbursed on 18th January, 2022. However, no interest was paid on the delayed payment of revised gratuity and arrear pension. Hence this writ petition.

4. Mr. Krishna Pada Santra, 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 till the date of actual payment. He seeks for appropriate orders.
5. Mr. Arun Kumar Saha, learned Advocate for the State leaves the matter to the discretion of this Court.
6. 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.
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, Jhargram, are directed to disburse the interest at the rate of @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension in favour of the petitioners to the extent of their share by way of 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, Jhargram, for necessary compliance.
9. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition being **WPA 19921 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.)