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

**W.P.A. No. 20459 of 2025**

**Amulya Ratan Mahato  
Versus  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Satyaranjan Kundu

...for the Petitioner.

Ms. Barnali Gupta

...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 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 till the date of actual payment.
3. The petitioner contends that he was a Head Teacher of Turang Primary School, Village Turang, P.O. Bijoydih P.S. Kenda, District Purulia, who retired from service on superannuation on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. The first pension payment order was issued on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2016. The revised pension payment order under ROPA 2019 was issued on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. The revised gratuity and arrear pension amount was disbursed to the petitioner on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2021. However, no interest was paid on the delayed

payment of revised gratuity and arrear pension.

Hence this writ petition.

4. Mr. Satyaranjan Kundu, 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 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 till the date of actual payment. He seeks for appropriate orders.
5. Despite service, none appears on behalf of the State.
6. Ms. Barnali Gupta, learned advocate, who usually appears for the State, is requested to appear in this matter. Let her appointment be regularised by the competent authority.
7. The petitioner is directed to hand over a copy of the writ petition along with the annexures to Ms. Gupta, learned advocate for the State.
8. Ms. Gupta, learned Advocate for the State leaves the matter to the discretion of the 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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, respondent no. 2, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance,

Government of West Bengal and respondent no. 3, the Treasury Officer, Purulia, 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 pensionary benefits under ROPA 2019 with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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, Purulia, for necessary compliance.
12. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition being **WPA 20459 of 2025** is disposed of.
13. Since no affidavit is called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to have been denied.
14. Consequently, connected applications, if any, stand disposed of.
15. Interim orders, if any, stand vacated.
16. There shall be no order as to costs.
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.)**