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WPA 8427 of 2026
(Tapan Kumar Sarkar vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Ms. Debjani Sahu Banerjee
.... For the Petitioner
Mr. Bhakti Prasad Das
.... For the State

None appears for the respondents despite service.

Mr. Bhakti Prasad Das, learned counsel who is present in Court and usually appears for the State is requested to represent the State in this matter. His appointment be regularised by the appropriate authority. The petitioner is directed to serve copy of the application along with annexure thereto upon Mr. Das in course of this day.

The petitioner was appointed as Panchayat Executive Assistant and superannuated on 30th April, 2017.

Subsequently, there was revision of payment of pension and gratuity amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA Rules, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on 31st May, 2022. The revised gratuity and arrear pension were disbursed in favour of the petitioner on 1st June, 2022.

The petitioner has prayed for interest on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount due to delay in disbursal of the same.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance, Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Murshidabad being the 2nd and 4th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from 14th February, 2020 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment shall be made within two months from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions the writ petition is disposed of.

There shall, however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)