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W.P.A. 27366 of 2024

**Md. Roficul Wara
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Md. Manuwar Ali
Ms. Moumita Karmakar
...for the petitioner

Mr. Ali Ahsan Alamfir
Ms. Rabia Khatun
...for the respondent no. 5

Mr. Deepnath Roy Chowdhury
Mr. Rajsekhar Basu
...for the State

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

The grievance of the petitioner is failure on the part of the concerned respondent authorities to settle retiral dues in spite of his superannuation being headmaster in Arjunpur High School (HS), District-Murshidabad on 31st December, 2023. Learned advocate representing the petitioner prays for expeditious settlement of retiral dues including provident fund.

Since it has been submitted on behalf of the petitioner that after petitioner's superannuation on 31st December, 2023 till date provident fund has not been release, school authority of Arjunpur High School (HS) and the concerned District Inspector of Schools (SE), Murshidabad being respondent no. 3 are directed to release provident fund in favour of the petitioner by 7 (seven) days from date.

However, it has been submitted jointly on behalf of the aforesaid school authority and the District Inspector of Schools that petitioner did not attend the school for a long period of time prior to his superannuation on 31st December, 2023 and on the date of superannuation he was not present in school. It is also submitted that being headmaster he is required to handover charge otherwise it is not possible for the aforesaid school authority to update his service book and other papers relating to pension case and submit it before the respondent no. 3.

It is also submitted that there is allegation of defalcation of fund in connection with midday meal programme of the school.

In view of such submission made on behalf of the school authority and the respondent no. 3 the teacher-in-charge of the said school as well as District Inspector of Schools (SE) are directed to submit a report in the form of affidavit by fortnight from date.

List the matter under the same heading on 18th December, 2024.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)