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Court No. 24
(P.M.)

WPA 2290 of 2021

Priyabrata Roy & Anr.
Vs
The State of West Bengal & Ors.
(Via Video Conference)

Mr. Anindya Bose,
Mr. Anindya Sundar Das,
Ms. Ananya Chakraborty
... for the petitioners

Mr. Supriyo Chattopadhyay
Ms. Tapati Samanta
... for the State

The petitioners participated in the process of selection for being appointed in the post of Librarian in town/Sub-Divisional Library which was lying vacant in the district of Paschim Medinipur. The recruitment process was initiated in the year 2009. The interview of the candidates was made on 14th November, 15th November and 16th November, 2010.

The grievance of the petitioners is that till date the selection process has not reached its logical conclusion. The petitioners pray for a direction upon the respondent authorities for issuance of letter of appointment in their favour on the basis of the panel which was prepared.

The District Library Officer, Paschim Medinipur has filed a report wherefrom it appears that the score-sheet containing names of twenty seven candidates containing

marks on the basis of academic qualification and their interview was prepared. A panel of nine candidates was also prepared but neither the score-sheet nor the panel consist the signatures of any of the five members of the selection committee.

A letter was written by the District Library Officer addressed to the Director of Library Services mentioning that only one candidate for the general (exempted) category was interviewed and the question was whether the selection of such a single interviewed candidate was legally tenable or not. It does not appear from the report that the names of the petitioners were included in the panel.

As it appears that the panel, if any, prepared had not been signed by the members of the Selection Committee accordingly, the same cannot be acted upon at such a distant date.

As such the instant writ petition is disposed of by directing the Director of Library Services to take appropriate steps to fill up the vacancies, strictly in accordance with law. In the event, the petitioners are eligible for participating in the subsequent recruitment process which may be initiated for filling up the vacancy, the respondent authority shall permit the petitioner to participate in the said process.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties on completion of usual formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)