

Court No. 24

24.09.2021

(Item No. 12)

(AB)

**W.P.A 14687 of 2021
(Via Video Conference)**

Krishna Gupta
vs
Union of India & Ors.

Mr. Shuvro Prokash Lahiri
..... for the petitioner
Ms. Rini Bhattacharyya
.....for UOI
Mr. Debapriya Gupta
..... for ISI

The petitioner applied for getting admission in the Master of Statistics Programme for the year 2020 in the Indian Statistical Institute. At the time of participating in the selection process he disclosed himself to be a General Category student. His name appeared at serial No. 28 of the merit list. There were 14 vacancies in the General Category.

The petitioner thereafter obtained a certificate of the 'Economically Weaker Section' Category and applied before the authority for giving benefit to him under the reservation policy meant for Economically Weaker Section Category.

The prayer of the petitioner stood rejected by a communication dated 26th August, 2021 wherein it has been specifically mentioned that the request for change of status came after the admission portal was closed. As a matter of policy, data provided by the

candidates are treated as sacrosanct and there is no room to tamper with the same.

The reason given by the Institute for not permitting the petitioner to change his category does not appear to be unreasonable or arbitrary.

In view of the above, no relief can be granted to the petitioner in the instant case.

The writ petition stands dismissed.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon completion of usual legal formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)