

Education Officer has given signing authority to the Respondent No. 3. The Order giving powers of signing was up to 31/05/2022. It is submitted that the same is also extended (page 88).

3. It would not be inappropriate to allow the Respondent No. 3 to proceed with the signature.

4. It is further submitted that the Petitioner was not heard before the Order was passed.

5. In light of that, we pass the following Order:

- (i) The impugned Order is quashed and set aside.
- (ii) The parties are relegated before the Education Officer.
- (iii) The Education Officer shall consider the stand of the Petitioner so also Respondent No. 3 and take decision afresh on its own merits.
- (iv) The parties shall appear before the Education Officer on 01/08/2022.
- (v) With regard to the signing, the Petitioner may approach the Education Officer for necessary orders.

6. Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

[S. M. MODAK, J.]

[S.V. GANGAPURWALA,J.]