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WPA 13049 of 2023
With
CAN 1/2023
Tanuja Panda
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Biswarup Biswas,
Mr. Pradip Kr. Ghosh
... For the petitioner.

Mr. Amitava Chaudhuri
Mr. N. Roy
Mr. C. Chakraborty
... For Board.

Mr. Nilotpal Chatterjee
... For INC.

It is the grievance of the petitioner that she was successful in West Bengal Joint Entrance Examination for General Nursing Midwifery course (GNM) - 2022. Following her rank in the merit list, she was admitted to the Priyambada Birla Institute of Nursing (unit of Belle Vue Clinic), respondent no. 6. The West Bengal Nursing Council, however, declined to register his name.

Mr. Nilotpal Chatterjee, learned advocate appearing for the Indian Nursing Council, has submitted that the qualifications prescribed for the GNM course by the Indian Nursing Council are as follows:

1. Minimum education eligibility criteria for admission to GNM:

“ . 10+ 2 with English and must have obtained a minimum of 40% at the qualifying examination and English individually from any recognized board. Candidates are also eligible from State Open School recognized by State Government and National Institute or Open School (NIOS) recognized by Central Government. However, Science is preferable.

. 10+ 2 with English having 40% marks in vocational ANM course from the school recognized by Indian Nursing Council.

. 10+ 2 with English having 40% marks in vocational Stream-Health care Science from a recognized CBSE board/State/Centre.

Registered ANM with pass mark.”

The petitioner passed 10+ 2 in Vocational Stream – Agriculture, therefore, she is not eligible for admission.

The qualification of the petitioner is not disputed.

Learned advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was successful in the Joint Entrance Examination and took admission to the college disclosing all her educational qualifications. Therefore, the petitioner should be allowed to continue his study and the West Bengal Nursing Council should grant her registration.

I am unable to accept the contention of the petitioner.

The petitioner was aware of the prescribed qualification for the GNM course. Despite being aware that she was not a qualified candidate, she took the examination.

No mandamus can be issued to the West Bengal Nursing Council to register a student who does not have the requisite qualification to pursue a nursing course. The petitioner being an ineligible candidate for the course, I am not inclined to entertain the prayer of the writ petitioner.

However, I direct the college to refund the fees paid by the petitioner within two weeks from the date of communication of this order since it was the duty of the college also to ascertain the eligibility of the petitioner before admitting her to the relevant course.

Accordingly, **WPA 13049 of 2023** along with **CAN 1/2023** is disposed of.

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

(Kausik Chanda, J.)