

03.07.2023

Item No.9

Ct. No.1

PG/KS

W.P.A.(P) 295 of 2023

Nazia Elahi Khan

Vs.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Ranojoy Chatterjee

.....for the Petitioner

Mr. Samrat Sen, Ld. A.A.A.G.

Ms. Manali Ali

.....for the State

1. By this public interest litigation, the petitioner, who is the Chairperson of Muslim Women Resistance Committee and Khan Legal Solicitor Firm prays for a direction upon the respondents/State to consider her representation dated 9th June, 2023 and compulsorily include the subject of Bengali as the second language in all Urdu medium schools in the State of West Bengal.
2. The petitioner would also state that she is a minority leader of a political party in the State of West Bengal and she has studied in a Urdu medium school, wherein there was clear emphasis on Urdu and nothing else and subject

of Bengali was never included even as a secondary subject, for which she had to face innumerable hardships and road blocks.

3. In our view, no positive direction can be issued, as sought for by the writ petitioner since it is a policy decision to be taken by the State.
4. Therefore, we dispose of this writ petition by permitting the writ petitioner to pursue her representation before the authorities, which was given only on 9th June, 2023.
5. With the said observation, the writ petition stands disposed of.
6. No costs.
7. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be furnished to the parties expeditiously upon compliance of all legal formalities.

(T. S. SIVAGNANAM)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(HIRANMAY BHATTACHARYYA, J.)