

W.P.A. 12282 of 2024

**Doli Debnath
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Sakti Pada Jana,
Mr. Subhajyoti Das ... For the petitioner.

Mr. Arindam Chattopadhyay,
Ms. Lipika Chatterjee ... For the State.

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner be kept with the record.

The petitioner is an Assistant Teacher at Laskarpur Rabindra Vidyapith for Girls, Sonarpur, District – South 24 Parganas. The husband of the petitioner is an employee of a private organization.

The District Inspector of Schools (S.E.), District – 24 Parganas (South), the respondent no. 5 herein had issued a general notice dated October 01, 2013, pursuant to which the concerned authority has stopped the payment of House Rent Allowance(HRA) to the petitioner since December, 2013.

It appears that the Memoranda of the Finance Department (Audit Branch), Government of West Bengal bearing No. 5839-F(P) dated July 09, 2012 and bearing No. 8012-F(P2)/FA/O/2m/206/17(N.B.) dated December 27, 2018 are the basis of the said notice.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court by the judgment dated March 16, 2021 passed in W.P.A. 1389 of 2018 (***Mousumi Biswas & Ors. vs. State of West Bengal & ors.***) has quashed the aforementioned memoranda.

An appeal being **MAT 1023 of 2021** (*The State of West Bengal & Ors. vs. Mita Majumder & Ors.*) against the said order and judgment of the said Co-ordinate bench though is pending, but no order of stay has been passed in the said appeal.

In view of such position of the subject, the petitioner is entitled to full HRA, the concerned authority therefore, is directed to release the same, the arrear thereof be paid to the petitioner with interest @ 6% per annum from the date on which it became payable till the date of actual payment. The arrear H.R.A. is to be paid within a period of ten weeks from the date of communication of this order.

It is however made clear that the HRA to be paid to the petitioner in terms of this order is subject to the result of the pending aforementioned appeal (**MAT 1023 of 2021**).

W.P.A. 12282 of 2024 is disposed of with the above terms without any order as to costs.

Since no affidavit has been invited, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed to have been denied by the respondents.

Parties to act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

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

(Biswajit Basu, J.)