

26.06.2024
Court No.13
Item No. 16
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WPA 14207 of 2024

**Minati Panda Hota and others
Vs.
State of West Bengal and others**

Mr. Lal Ratan Mondal,
Mr. Dilip Kumar Sadhu

... for the petitioners.

Mr. Suman Dey,
Ms. Subhasri Chatterjee

... for the State

Mr. Sarwar Jahan,
Ms. Mousumi Mitra

... for the respondent no. 4.

1. Affidavit of service and notice of upgradation filed in Court are taken on record.
2. The petitioners were Sahayaks and Sahayikas in the Shishu Shiksha Kendras (SSKs) under the scheme run by the State. They exercised option of being treated at par with Para Teachers and retire at the age of 60 years and avail terminal benefits of Rs.3,00,000/-. Since they have not been provided with terminal benefits, they want to reverse their options and be treated as Sahayaks and Sahayikas in the SSKs. By reason thereof, the petitioners would retire at the age of 65 years.
3. In a decision of this Court passed in WPA 7766 of 2023, this Court had directed the Para Teachers to be granted the benefits of P. F.
4. Since the petitioners wish to revert back as Sahayaks and Sahayikas in the SSKs, they shall, therefore, not be entitled to the P. F. facilities.

5. All benefits payable to the petitioners as Sahayaks and Sahayikas shall be paid to them and they shall be treated as Sahayaks and Sahayikas henceforth and continue to work until the age of 65 years. The earlier option to be treated at par with the Para Teachers given by the petitioners shall stand revoked and cancelled.
6. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition is disposed of.
7. There will be no order as to costs.
8. All parties are directed to act on a server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.
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(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)