

Court No. 18
(265704)

14.11.2024

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(S. Banerjee)

WPA 20994 of 2023

Ketaki Sadhu

Vs.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Firdous Samim

Ms. Gopa Biswas

Ms. Sampriti Saha

Ms. Swati Dey

...for the petitioner

Mr. Sourav Mitra

...for the WBCSSC

Ms. Koyeli Bhattacharyya

Mr. Bibek Dutta

Ms. Keya Panja

...for the WBBSE

Affidavits of service filed on behalf of the petitioner
is taken on record.

Matter relates to transfer of the petitioner since
the daughter of the petitioner is suffering from ailment.
An application for transfer was made on Utsashree
portal on 20th November, 2021 and same was forwarded
by the school authority, where petitioner is presently
working, to the concerned District Inspector of Schools
(SE) for taking necessary steps. The District Inspector of
Schools (SE) on receipt of transfer application,
completed the formality and forwarded the same to the
West Bengal Central School Service Commission on 11th
December, 2021. Grievance of the petitioner is, in spite

of receipt of transfer application through portal far back on 11th December, 2021, concerned District Inspector of Schools (SE) has not taken any decision.

West Bengal Central School Service Commission and the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education are represented by learned advocates who have submitted that due to suspension of Utsashree portal with effect from 29th September, 2022, contemporaneous decisions could not be taken on transfer applications.

However, on behalf of the Commission it is submitted that if concerned authority is directed, transfer application of the petitioner shall be decided in accordance with law.

Having considered the submissions made on behalf of the parties, the writ petition stands disposed of by directing the Chairman of the West Bengal Central School Service Commission to decide the transfer application of the petitioner by eight weeks from the date of communication of this order and the decision to be communicated to the petitioner by one week thereafter.

It is made clear that suspension of portal shall not be a ground for rejecting transfer application of the petitioner.

Leave is granted to the learned advocate representing the petitioner to amend the cause-title of the petition by adding the Chairman, West Bengal Central School Service Commission as additional-respondent in course of this day. However, service of notice upon the additional-respondent stands dispensed with since the Commission is represented by learned advocates.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copies, if applied for, be issued to the parties on compliance of requisite formalities.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)