

**18.11.2024**  
Court No. 18  
Item No. 113 (ML)  
(Suvendu)

**WPA 21297 of 2023**

Nabanita Jana  
-Versus-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sudip Ghosh Chowdhury  
Ms. Shreyeta Mitra  
.....for the petitioner

Mr. Sourav Mitra  
.....for the WBCSSC

Mr. Vimal Kumar Shahi, Ld. AGP  
Ms. Pratiti Das  
.....for the State

Ms. Koyeli Bhattacharyya  
Mr. Bibek Dutta  
Ms. Keya Panja  
...for the WBBSE

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

Matter relates to transfer of the petitioner  
on the ground of distance in between present  
school of the petitioner and petitioner's place of  
residence.

Grievance of the petitioner is in spite of  
making application for transfer on 28<sup>th</sup> April,  
2022 on Utshasree portal and same was  
forwarded by the District Inspector of Schools  
(SE), Paschim Medinipur on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 to  
West Bengal Central School Service Commission  
through portal, till date concerned authority of

the Commission has not taken any decision on the transfer application.

Learned advocates representing the respondents have jointly submitted that contemporaneously decision on transfer application of the petitioner could not be taken due to suspension of Utshasree portal with effect from 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

However, it has been submitted on behalf of the Commission that if direction is given upon the appropriate authority, transfer application of the petitioner shall be decided in accordance with law.

In view of submissions made on behalf of the parties, the writ petition stands disposed of by directing the Chairman, West Bengal Central School Service Commission, being the respondent no. 3 to take decision on transfer application of the petitioner by eight weeks from date of communication of this order in accordance with law and the decision to be taken by the respondent no. 3 shall be communicated to the petitioner by one week thereafter.

However, transfer application of the petitioner shall not be rejected on the ground of suspension of Utshasree portal.

There shall be, however, no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties on usual undertakings.

**(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)**