

21.02.2024
Court No.13
Item No. 1
AP

WPA 21305 of 2023

**Reba Khatun and Ors.
Vs.
State of West Bengal and Ors.**

Mr. Gaus Ul Alam

... for the petitioners.

Ms. Rama Halder
Ms. Debleena Dasgupta

... for the State.

Mr. Md. Sarwar Jahan
Mr. Mousumi Mitra
Mr. Asif Mehdi

... for the Respondent No.4

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court are taken on record.

2. The petitioners are 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. 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 Sahayikas in the SSKs, they shall, therefore, not be entitled to the P. F. facilities.

5. All benefits payable to the petitioners as Sahayikas shall be paid to them and they shall be treated as 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.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)