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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI
APPELLATE SIDE**

WPA 1816 of 2024

**Prasanta Debnath
-Versus-
The State of West Bengal and Ors.**

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh,
Ms. Supriya Singh

..for the petitioner

Mr. Hirak Barman,
Mr. Kumar Shantanu

...for the State

The petitioner is presently working as a Librarian at Alipurduar University constituted under the Alipurduar University Act, 2018.

By the aforesaid enactment, Alipurduar College was converted into Alipurduar University. Section 64 (3) of the Alipurduar University Act, 2018, provided an option for the teaching and non-teaching staff of the then Alipurduar College either to continue their service with Alipurduar University or to seek transfer to any other Government aided College.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had opted for transfer to a Government aided College.

The prayer of the petitioner was forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal, by the

Registrar of the University by a letter dated January 11, 2023, and thereafter again on July 8, 2024. The petitioner submits that till date, the Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal has not considered the prayer.

In the aforesaid facts, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction upon the Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal to consider the prayer of the petitioner for transfer on the basis of the letters dated January 11, 2023 and July 8, 2024 as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of one month from the date of communication of this order.

WPA 1816 of 2024 is disposed of.

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

(Kausik Chanda, J.)