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Court No. 2
Sl. No.37
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**Calcutta High Court
In the Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Appellate Jurisdiction**

W.P.A 2069 of 2024

**Ripmit Lepcha & Ors.
-versus
Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Council
& Ors.**

**Mr. Ekramul Bari
Sk. Imtiaz Uddin
Ms. Rinka Chakraborty
... For the petitioner.**

**Mr. Nabankur Paul
Mr. Sandip Guha Roy
... For the State.**

**Ms. Supriya Singh
... For respondent G.T.A.**

Leave granted to the advocate-on-record of the petitioners to deposit the deficit court fees in course of this day.

The petitioners seek approval of appointment as Gr.-‘D’ staff.

The prayer of the petitioners is pending consideration before the respondent authority. Without going into the merits of the prayer of the petitioners at this stage, the instant writ petition is disposed of by directing the Executive Director, Education Department, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration to

take a decision in respect of the prayer of the petitioners in the light of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court on 16th August, 2024 in ***MAT 170 of 2023 (The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration & Ors Vs. Thinley Bhutia & Ors.)***.

An opportunity of hearing shall be granted to the petitioners and the school authority prior to taking a final decision in the matter. A reasoned order shall be passed within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order and the same shall be communicated to the petitioners immediately thereafter.

If the prayer made by the petitioners is allowed, then necessary consequential steps shall be taken by the respondent authority forthwith.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

Urgent certified photocopy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of usual legal formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)