

06.03.2025
Court No. 18
Item No. 9
(adeb)

WPA 4055 of 2025

M. Balaji
-Versus-

State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Rama Halder
.....for the petitioner

Ms. Koyeli Bhattacharya
Mr. Bibek Dutta
Ms. Keya Panja
.....for the Board

Ms. Manali Ali
....for the respondent

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

This order is passed in presence of learned advocates representing the petitioner, West Bengal Board of Secondary Education and State respondents.

Petitioner though participated in 12th RLST, 2011 but contemporaneously could not be appointed in the post of Assistant Teacher and after a long period of time petitioner was appointed on and from 27th September, 2023.

In reference to order dated 23rd July, 2024 issued by the Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Government of West

Bengal, it has been submitted on behalf of the petitioner that though recommendation was made in favour of the petitioner for appointment by the West Bengal Regional School Service Commission belatedly since petitioner was subsequently found to be eligible to be appointed in the post of Assistant Teacher; if petitioner is not entitled to receive actual service benefits from November, 2013 being the date of first counseling in connection with 12th RLST, 2011, petitioner is eligible to be granted at least notional benefits from November, 2013 which should not be confined to incremental benefits only as it has been allowed by the Principal Secretary, School Education Department vide order dated 23rd July, 2024.

It needs to be recorded herein that vide order dated 23rd July, 2024, Principal Secretary, School Education Department has already granted notional incremental benefits to the similarly circumstanced candidates with effect from November, 2013.

In support of case made out in this writ petition, reliance is placed on the order passed by this Court dated 4th October, 2024 in the writ

petition being **WPA 20652 of 2023 (Sourav Naskar Vs. The State of West Bengal & Ors.)**

Having considered the issue involved in this writ petition, it is found that the order passed in **Sourav Naskar** (supra) covers the present issue. Order passed in **Sourav Naskar** (supra) is enclosed to this writ petition.

Hence, the concerned State respondents are directed to grant notional benefits to the petitioner from November, 2013 and fix the pay of the petitioner from the date of his appointment accordingly. For computation of other benefits including pension, date of appointment of petitioner to be reckoned as 1st November, 2013. However, petitioner is not entitled to receive monetary benefits from 1st November, 2013 till the date of his appointment.

The aforesaid exercise shall be completed by the Commissioner of School Education by eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

In this regard an order is to be passed by the Commissioner of School Education, to be communicated to the petitioner by two weeks thereafter.

With the aforesaid direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.

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 undertaking.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)