

19.06.2025
Court No. 18
Item No.43
(**Suvendu**)

WPA 11280 of 2025

Manabendra Chaulia
-Versus-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sakhawat Khandakar
Mr. Sounak Ghosh
Ms. Swati Jha
.....for the petitioner

Mr. Kaushik Choudhury
....for the DPSC, Howrah

Mr. Ratul Biswas
Mr. K. Choudhury
....for the Board

Mr. Kapil Guha
....for the State

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

By presenting this writ petition, petitioner
has claimed sanction of “A” category scale of pay
upon giving credence to B.Ed. qualification
which petitioner is possessing. In support of
such contention, reliance is placed on the
judgment of the Hon’ble Division Bench dated
30th July, 2024 passed on intra-court appeal
being **MAT 1038/2024 (Waliur Rahaman &
Ors. Vs. The State of West Bengal & Ors.)**.

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner
that when similarly circumstanced other
candidates who are working as primary teachers

are getting “A” category scale of pay in consideration of their B.Ed. qualification why the petitioner will be deprived of “A” category scale of pay.

Respondents are represented by learned advocates who have opposed the prayer of the petitioner since according to the respondents for getting “A” category scale of pay candidate is required to obtain D.EL.Ed. qualification or six months Bridge Course is to be completed to become eligible for receiving “A” category scale of pay.

Paragraph 13 of the order of the Hon’ble Division Bench dated 30th July, 2024 discloses a situation where similarly circumstanced candidates were sanctioned “A” category scale of pay though they did not complete six months Bridge Course.

It is also apparent from the submissions made on behalf of the parties that modality of six months Bridge Course has not yet been formulated by the appropriate authority.

In view of aforesaid situation, petitioner is granted leave to make a representation to the Commissioner of School Education, West Bengal enclosing necessary documents by fortnight from date claiming “A” category scale of pay. In

the event representation is made within the prescribed time before the Commissioner of School Education, same shall be decided in accordance with law by passing a reasoned order after granting opportunity of hearing to the petitioner or his representative within a period of twelve weeks thereafter. Decision to be taken by the Commissioner of School Education shall be communicated to the petitioner by ten days thereafter.

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.)