

W.P.A. 11790 of 2025

**Kriti Mandal
Vs.
Union of India & Ors.**

Mr. Anjan Bhattacharyya
Ms. Juin Dutta Chakraborty
Mr. Debnarayan Patra
Mr. Bidan Mondak
Ms. Arpita Kundu
...for the petitioner
Mr. Mrinal Kanti Ghosh
Mr. Pradhyot Kr. Das
...for the State
Mr. Rabi Prasad Mukherjee
Mr. Ranjan Chatterjee
...for the Union of India
Mr. Pulakesh Bajpayee
...for the respondent nos. 3 & 4.
Mr. Sudipta Dasgupta
Mr. Arindam Shit
Mr. Sutirtha Nayek
...for the respondent no. 9

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

Petitioner participated in the admission test conducted by Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti for taking admission in class VI for the Session 2025. It is submitted that student obtained 91.25 marks in the admission test but was granted provisional admission as it appears from a document at page 58 of the writ petition. It is also submitted that due to the norm of the Central Government relating to taking admission in schools under Ministry of Education, Government of India which prescribes for taking admission in class VI

candidate must have studied and passed classes III, IV and V from Government/Government Aided/recognized schools spending one full academic session in each class, petitioner was not granted permission to take admission in class VI finally. It is also submitted that such norm of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti is contrary to Section 15 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 which prescribes a child shall be admitted in a school at the commencement of the academic year and no child shall be denied admission if such admission is sought subsequent to extended period.

Prayer is made for permitting the petitioner to take admission in class VI in Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

Such prayer is opposed by the learned advocate representing Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti based on aforesaid norm of the said school relating to admission and it is also submitted that petitioner is presently studying in class VI in higher secondary school which is Government recognized school. In this regard letter dated 8th April, 2025 which is at page 85 of the writ petition is relied upon.

Having considered the respective submissions made on behalf of the parties it

appears though an attempt has been made on behalf of the petitioner to question stand of Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti in denying admission to the petitioner based on norms applicable in the said school relating to admission in view of the relevant provision contained in Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 but considering admission of the petitioner in class VI in another State Government run higher secondary school, issue has become academic. Since petitioner is studying in another school in class VI, in the event at this stage writ petition is allowed permitting the petitioner to take admission in Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti that would result in mid-session admission which will not be conducive to the academic interest of the student.

Hence, writ petition stands disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)