

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
(Appellate Side)

W.P.A. 14424 OF 2025

**SHANKAR PROSAD HALDER
VS.
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS**

Mr. Sudip Ghosh Chowdhury, Adv.
Ms. Shreyeta Mitra, Adv.
Ms. Debalina Chakraborty, Adv.
Ms. Pritha Biswas, Adv.

...for the Petitioner

Dr. Sutanu Kumar Patra, Adv.
Ms. Supriya Dubey, Adv.

...for the W.B.C.S.S.C.

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. Petitioner on being selected in 1st State Level Selection Test, 2016 (Upper Primary) was recommended for being appointed as Assistant Teacher *vide* recommendation dated 22nd November, 2024. Petitioner did not join the recommended post since at the material point of time petitioner was working as Assistant Teacher in another school for higher classes. Petitioner lost job in terms of judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 3rd April, 2025 delivered in appeal arising out of ***Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 9586 of 2024 (State of West Bengal Vs. Baishakhi Bhattacharyya (Chatterjee) & Others)***. Petitioner made an application seeking extension of validity of recommendation dated 22nd November, 2024

which would permit the petitioner to join the post for upper primary level of classes. It is further submitted by the learned advocate for the petitioner that petitioner is untainted candidate.

3. The West Bengal Central School Service Commission is represented by learned advocates.
4. It is submitted by learned advocate representing West Bengal Central School Service Commission (for short, '*Commission*') that recommendation ceased to exist after expiry of ninety (90) days in terms of Rule 17(3) of the West Bengal School Service Commission (Selection for Appointment to the Posts of Teacher for Upper Primary Level of Schools) Rules, 2016. It is also submitted unless validity of recommendation is extended, petitioner is not entitled to join the post in terms of recommendation issued earlier.
5. It appears from the submissions made on behalf of the parties that petitioner could not join the post in terms of previous recommendation for upper primary level of classes since at the material point of time petitioner was working as Assistant Teacher for higher classes. However, petitioner lost job in terms of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 3rd April, 2025 which prompted the petitioner to approach this Court with

this writ petition seeking direction for joining of the petitioner as per previous recommendation.

6. Under the aforesaid special facts and circumstances, Chairman of the Commission is directed to decide application of the petitioner seeking extension of validity of recommendation in terms of proviso to Rule 17(3) of the said Rules of 2016 by four (4) weeks from date of communication of this order. Decision to be taken by the Chairman of the Commission shall be communicated to the petitioner by fortnight thereafter.
7. Writ petition stands disposed of.
8. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties on usual undertaking.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)