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23.06.2026  
Court No.18  
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA  
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 570 of 2025

Kuldip Prasad

Vs.

Union of India & Ors.

*Mr. Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya, Sr. Adv. (VC)*

*Mr. Siddhartha Sankar Mandal*

*...for the Petitioner.*

*Ms. Garima Raijada*

*...for the Union of India.*

1. The petitioner participated in the recruitment process of CAPFs in the year 2024. He stood disqualified in the physical standard test on account of deficiency in height. His height was recorded as 169.5 cm.

2. Learned senior counsel representing the petitioner submits that as per the medical guidelines, the principle of rounding off ought to be applied by the authority.

3. Prayer has been made to direct the respondents to apply the principle of rounding off and treat the petitioner as eligible in the physical standard test.

4. Learned advocate representing the respondents submits that the recruitment process for the year 2024 is long over. The petitioner has approached the Court at a delayed point of time by filing the writ petition in January 2025.

5. Upon hearing the submissions made on behalf of both the parties and on perusal of the documents

annexed to the writ petition, it appears that indeed the petitioner participated in the recruitment process for the year 2024 and was found disqualified on account of deficiency in height in the physical standard test.

6. The respondent authority inadvertently and erroneously did not apply the principle of rounding off as prescribed in the medical guidelines. The medical guidelines prescribe that while measuring height, fraction of 0.5 cm will be ignored and rounded off to the next higher cm. In the instant case, the height of the petitioner was recorded 169.5 cm and if the principle of rounding off is allowed, the petitioner's height will be 170 cm which is the minimum height required for qualifying in the physical standard test.

7. Had the principle of rounding off been applied, then the petitioner could have been treated as qualified, as his height would have been recorded as 170 cm. It is for the error on the part of the respondents that the petitioner could not proceed to the next level.

8. The submission of the respondents that the writ petition has been filed at a delayed point of time cannot be accepted in the facts and circumstances of the present case as the illegality on the part of the respondent in not applying the principle of rounding off is apparent from records.

9. In view of the above, the instant writ petition stands allowed.

10. The respondents are directed to treat the height of the petitioner as 170 cm.

11. Further necessary consequential steps shall be taken by the respondent authorities in connection with the recruitment of the petitioner in the post of Constable in CAPFs without any further delay.

12. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

13. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

**(Amrita Sinha, J.)**