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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

WPA 538 of 2024

Dolon Biswas Mandal
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and others.

Mr. Shuvro Prakash Lahiri,
Mr. Rajesh Naskar,
Mr. Ankan Mondal.

... for the petitioner.

Mr. Madhu Jana,
Ms. Puja Sonkar.

... for the State.

Mr. Sunit Kumar Roy.

... for the SSC.

1. The affidavit of service filed today is taken on record.
2. The petitioner an Assistant Teacher in a school had applied for general transfer on the ground of distance, which was returned in 2021 on the ground that the petitioner was a single teacher in the subject.
3. The school authorities are directed to dispose of the said application, without taking the ground that the petitioner is a single teacher in her subject as the same has already been decided by the Hon'ble Court in Gokul Chandra Mallick vs. State of West Bengal & Ors, in MAT 1218 of 2024 and Rupak Dhua vs. State of West Bengal & Ors., in FMA 995

of 2025.

4. The issue of single teacher has not conclusively decided by this Hon'ble Court and cannot be a ground of rejection of the prayer for transfer.
5. However, long period of time has lapsed. The petitioner is directed to make a fresh application in the prescribed format to the school authorities, which will be considered and disposed of by the school authorities within four weeks from the date of receipt of the application from the petitioner.
6. If found eligible, the school authorities will forward the application along with requisite No Objection Certificate and declaration to the concerned District Inspector of Schools (SE) within a period of two weeks from allowing the application,
7. The concerned authorities will take all consequential steps in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, in accordance with transfer Rules and Notification dated January 3, 2022, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the application from the school.
8. Temporary suspension of 'Utsashree Portal' will not be an impediment for the concerned authority to consider the application for transfer of the petitioner. The same shall be considered in an offline mode.

9. With these aforesaid directions, the writ petition is disposed of.
10. There shall, however, be no order as to costs.
11. Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties on priority basis.

(Reetobroto Kumar Mitra, J.)