

18th Feb., 2026

Item no.D/L 72
Court No. 18

Pradip, A.R.(Ct.)

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

Case No. **WPA 2836 of 2026**

In the matter of :
Rakesh Mandal *.... Petitioner*
VS.
The State of West Bengal & Ors. *....Respondents*

For the Petitioner:
Mr. Sudipta Dasgupta
Mr. Arindom Shit *....Advocates*

For the WBCSSC:
Mr. Biswaroop Bhattacharya
Ms. Pramiti Bandopadhyay
Mr. Rahul Kumar Singh *....Advocates*

For the State:
Mr. Tarak Karan *....Advocate*

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.
2. The petitioner participated in 2nd SLST-2025. He has annexed the carbon copy of the OMR in support of the submission that he ought to have been awarded more marks than actually awarded by the Commission.
3. Prayer has been made to direct the Commission to re-evaluate and award three more marks to him.
4. Learned advocate representing the Commission has relied upon the original OMR wherefrom it appears that there are double marking/ shading in respect of nearly three questions.

5. The Court has perused the OMR answer sheet produced by the Commission. It appears that the petitioner shaded more than one circle in a couple of questions. The computer failed to detect the correct answer.
6. The correct method of shading is clearly mentioned at the top of the OMR sheet. Only one circle, out of the four circles, is required to be shaded. The other circles cannot have even a dot over there. The moment there is any mark in any of the other circles, the computer fails to read such answer as correct.
7. The prayer of the petitioner for checking up the answer sheet manually cannot be accepted.
8. The answer sheet is prepared to be checked by the computer. The answer script of the petitioner has been assessed by the computer. There is no reason as to why there shall be a departure in the mode of checking of the answer sheet of the petitioner.
9. The Court does not find any error on the part of the Commission.
10. In view of the above, no relief can be granted to the petitioner in the instant writ petition. The writ petition fails and is hereby dismissed.
11. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)