

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

WPA 3663 of 2026

Chiranjit Mandal
v.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ms. Asmita Mitra
... For the petitioner

Mr. Jyoti Prakash Chatterjee
Mr. Arun Kumar Ghosh
... For the State

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.

2. The petitioner participated for recruitment in the post of Constable in West Bengal Police. His height measured by the Recruitment Board was found to be 163.70 cm which is less than the requisite height. He has been disqualified. The petitioner is aggrieved by the same.

3. The petitioner got himself tested before the State Government hospital on 9th February, 2026 when his height was found to be 167.30 cm. The minimum height required for being eligible is 167 cm.

4. It is the specific case of the petitioner that an appeal was sought to be filed before the Appellate Authority but the same was refused to be accepted.

5. The petitioner prays for a direction upon the respondents to re-evaluate/re-examine his height by an independent medical board.

6. The aforesaid submission of the petitioner is opposed by the learned advocate representing the State respondents.

7. On a perusal of the report signed by the Deputy Superintendent of Police (Administration and Law), West Bengal Police Recruitment Board on 28th February, 2026, it appears that the petitioner appeared for Physical Measurement Test under Jalpaiguri Range Recruitment Board and his height was measured and recorded as 163.70 cm. The measurement was taken by using modern equipments and technology i.e., Digital Stadiometer (Electronic Height-Weight measuring device).

8. The height of the candidates was measured by a standard operating machine with no human intervention. All the candidates were measured by the same machine and the mode and manner of measurement of all the candidates was the same.

9. The manner in which the Stadiometer functions is clearly depicted in the report. It appears therefrom that the machine is calibrated once every day so that the machine provides uniform reading in respect of all the candidates.

10. The submission of the petitioner that an appeal was sought to be filed on the selfsame day of the measurement test is not borne out from the records. The Physical Measurement Test of the petitioner by the Recruitment Board was conducted on 20th January, 2026 and the petitioner got himself measured in the Government Hospital on 9th February, 2026.

11. The measurement of the petitioner by two different machines may differ. The recruiting authority would be bound by the measurement arrived at by the machine which was used to measure the height of all other candidates on the date of the examination.

12. As per the Recruitment Board, the decision of the Range Recruitment Board is final and binding upon the candidates at any stage of the Physical Measurement Test and Physical Efficiency Test. A

candidate dissatisfied with his test result may appeal in writing before the Chairperson of the Range Recruitment Board concerned on the same day and no appeal is entertainable in future.

13. The Court does not find that the prayer of the petitioner seeking re-examination of his height has any merit.

14. The writ petition, accordingly, fails and is hereby dismissed.

15. Copy of the report relied upon by the respondents is handed over to the learned advocate representing the petitioner in Court today.

16. All parties shall act on the basis of a server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

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

(Amrita Sinha, J.)