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17.06.2026
Court No.18
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 6095 of 2026

Alokelata Panigrahi @ Alokata Panigrahi
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sourav Mitra
Ms. Sreyasree Choudhury

...for the Petitioner.

Ms. Aparna Banerjee, Ld. AGP
Mr. Atanu Basu

...for the State.

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today be kept with the records.
2. The petitioner is the widow daughter of a primary school teacher who died in harness in the year 1975. She seeks benefit in terms of the Government Order being G.O. No. 539-SE (P&B) dated 11.11.2010 read with G.O. No. 883-SE (P&B) dated 12.07.2011 and the Government Order No. 1114-SE (B) dated 24.08.2011 issued by the School Education Department, Government of West Bengal.
3. The petitioner also claims family pension in terms of G.O. No.39-SE (B) dated 10.01.2008 issued by the School Education Department, Government of West Bengal.
4. A representation has been made by the petitioner which is pending consideration before the District Inspector of Schools (Primary Education), Purba Medinipur.
5. The petitioner relies upon the order dated 12th June, 2024 passed by a coordinate Bench of this Court

in WPA 13398 of 2024 (Syed Sufiana Khatun vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

6. In view of the above, the instant writ petition is disposed of by directing the District Inspector of Schools (Primary Education), Purba Medinipur to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated November 15, 2025 in terms of the Government Orders mentioned hereinabove.

7. A decision shall be taken in the matter at the earliest but positively within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order. Reasoned order shall be passed and communicated to the petitioner immediately thereafter.

8. If the petitioner is found eligible to receive the arrears of pension and family pension in terms of the aforesaid Government Orders, then consequential steps for releasing the amount shall be taken at the earliest.

9. Learned advocate for the petitioner is directed to forward a copy of the representation dated November 15, 2025 along with all documents in support of her claim to the aforesaid respondent at the time of communicating the order of the Court.

10. The aforesaid respondent shall take into consideration paragraph nos. 18 and 19 of the judgment delivered by the Special Bench of this Court in MAT 1518 of 2019 dated 20th June, 2023 (State of West Bengal vs. Sabita Roy & Ors.) to the effect that unmarried daughter of an employee, who retired or

died before 1981 shall also come within the purview of the Circulars dated 10th January, 2008 and 13th April, 2010.

11. The writ petition is disposed of.

12. Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order be supplied to the parties, if applied for, as early as possible.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)