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**In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side**

W.P.A 7020 of 2026

**Somnath Saha
-versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

**Mr. Pratip Kumar Chatterjee
Ms. Maitrayee Chatterjee**

... for the petitioner

Mr. Sourav Mitra

... for the WBCSSC

1. The affidavit of service, as filed in Court, be kept on record.
2. In spite of service, none appears on behalf of the school authorities.
3. The petitioner is an Assistant Teacher in a school. He had applied for general transfer on the ground of distance, which was rejected in 2021 on the issue that the petitioner is a single teacher in the subject.
4. However, since a long period of time has lapsed, since the application was made sometime in 2021, the petitioner is granted liberty to file a fresh application in the offline mode, since the 'Utsashree Portal' is currently suspended.
5. If found to be otherwise 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.
6. The school authorities are directed to dispose of the said application, without taking the ground that the petitioner is a single teacher in his

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.

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.)