

03.02.2026.

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Ct.No.24.
as**

WPA 15238 of 2025

**Raj Dutta
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. N. C. Bihani, Ld. Sr. Adv.,
Mr. Soumya Mukherjee.
...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Amitava Chaudhuri,
Mr. Arindam Mitra.
...for the State.

Mr. Pratim Priya Dasgupta (VC).
...for the Respondent Nos.7 & 8.

Mr. Anil Kr. Gupta,
Ms. Priyanka Rajak.
...for the UGC.

1. The petitioner is aggrieved that inspite of fulfilling all eligibility criteria for being designated in SACT Category –I, he has been wrongfully designated under SACT Category-II. The recommendation of the Principal of the College, as contended by the petitioner is wrongful and could not have been made.

2. A representation to such effect was also made by the petitioner on June 17, 2025 before the Respondent No.3, which has not yet been disposed of.

3. The respondent No.3 is directed to dispose of the representation of the petitioner dated June 17, 2025 by February 25, 2026 upon giving an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner as well as to the Principal of the College,

being the respondent No.8 with adequate prior notice to such parties.

4. The respondent No.3, upon deciding the issue will communicate his decision to the petitioner as well as the respondent No.8 by March 20, 2026.

5. The authorities are directed to take all consequential steps, if the respondent No.3 decides in favour of the petitioner.

6. With the aforestated direction, the writ petition is disposed of.

7. Since affidavits have not been called for, allegations contained in the petition are deemed to have been denied.

8. There shall be no order as to costs.

9. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties on usual undertaking.

(Reetobroto Kumar Mitra, J.)