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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE**

WPA/21575/2025
PRADIP KUMAR BARIK AND ORS.
VS
STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.

Mr. S. Bhattacharya,
Mr. Jamini Kanta Ghosh

...for the Petitioners.

Mr. Ranjan Saha

...for the DPSC, Jhargram
& Paschim Medinipur.

Mr. Somraj Dhar
Mr. Sanjay Sarkar

...for the State.

1. Statement of fact filed by the Chairman, District Primary School Council, Jhargram dated 9th March, 2026 is taken on record.
2. By the present writ petition, the petitioners seek direction upon the respondent authorities to disburse the arrear salaries of the petitioners as stated in paragraph No.9 of the writ petition who are discharging their duties as Assistant Teachers in different primary schools, more fully stated in paragraph No.5 of the writ petition.
3. The petitioners joined in their respective schools on and from the dates as mentioned herein below:
 - a) Petitioner No.1 joined on 11.02.2014 in Ghariatoria Primary School, Village and P.O. Dokra

under Nayagram Circle, District Paschim Medinipur, present District Jhargram.

b) Petitioner No.2 joined on 11.02.2014 in Hatitop Primary School, P.O. Banisole under Nayagram-I Circle, present District Jhargram.

c) Petitioner No.3, joined on 11.02.2014 in Bhaluktara Primary School, P.O. Baligeria under Nayagram Circle, present District Jhargram.

d) Petitioner No.4, joined on 11.02.2014 in the Kushtikra Kaifulia Primary School, P.O. Baligeria under Nayagram Circle, present District Jhargram.

e) Petitioner No.5 joined on 11.02.2014, in Bhururbani Primary School, P.O. Baligeria under Nayagram Circle, present District Jhargram.

f) Petitioner No.6, joined on 11.02.2014, in Tufuria Primary School, P.O. Tufuria Kamalpur under Nayagram Circle, District Jhargram.

g) Petitioner No.7, joined on 11.02.2014 in Katash Primary School, P.O. Chandabila under Nayagram-I Circle, present District Jhargram.

h) Petitioner No.8, joined on 11.02.2014 in Bhaluktara Primary School, P.O. Baligeria under Nayagram Circle, present District Jhargram.

4. The petitioners did not receive salary from the date of their respective joining till 31st August, 2014. Being aggrieved by such action of the respondent authorities, the petitioners have preferred the present writ petition.
5. Mr. Jamini Kanta Ghosh, learned Advocate appearing for the petitioners submits that in similar circumstances this Court in *Sri Tarak Nath Chakraborty versus The State of West Bengal & Ors.* (*In Re: WPA No.20548 of 2019*) has allowed the prayer of the petitioner in the said writ petition and directed the respondent authorities to disburse the arrear salary together with interest. The present petitioners

stand on the same footing. He seeks that similar benefit be extended to the petitioners.

6. Mr. Ranjan Saha, learned Advocate appearing for the District Primary School Councils, Jhargram and Paschim Medinipur submits that the petitioners are similarly circumstanced as of the petitioner in WPA 20548 of 2019 and the Council intends to extend the same benefit to the present petitioners.

7. This Court in *Sri Tarak Nath Chakraborty (supra)* passed the following direction:

“10. The petitioner shall be paid the salary for the period from 11th February, 2014 until 31st August, 2014, mandatorily and positively within a period of 1 month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order by the DPSC, Paschim Medinipur and the D.I. of Schools (P.E.), Paschim Medinipur together with interest @ 8% per annum from 1st March, 2014 till the date of actual payment.”

8. It is not in dispute that the petitioners are similarly circumstanced as of the petitioner in the aforesaid writ petition.

9. Accordingly, it is directed that petitioners shall be paid salary for the period on and from 11th February, 2014 until 31st August, 2014, positively within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order by the District Primary School Council, Jhargram and the District Inspector of Schools (PE), Jhargram together with interest @ 8% per annum from 1st March, 2014 till the date of actual payment.

10. Learned advocate for the petitioners is directed to communicate this order to respondent No.3, District Inspector of School (P.E.), Jhargram and respondent

No.4, Jhargram District Primary School Council, for necessary compliance.

11. With the aforesaid direction, the writ petition being **WPA 21575 of 2025** stands disposed of.
12. Since no affidavits have been called for, the allegation made in the writ petition is deemed to be not admitted.
13. Interim order, if any, stands vacated.
14. All connected applications, if any, stand disposed of.
15. There shall be no order as to costs.
16. All concerned parties shall act in terms of the copy of the order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)