

4th Feb., 2026

Item no.M/L 141
Court No. 18

Pradip, A.R.(Ct.)

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

Case No. **WPA 22896 of 2022**

In the matter of :
Sovan Kumar Laha *.... Petitioner*
VS.
The State of West Bengal & Ors. *....Respondents*

For the Petitioner:
Mr. Sudip Ghosh Chowdhury
Ms. Shreyeta Mitra
Ms. Debolina Chakraborty *....Advocates*

For the WBCSSC:
Mr. Sourav Mitra *....Advocate*

For the State:
Mr. Benazir Ahmed *....Advocate*

For the WBBSE:
Ms. Koyeli Bhattacharyya
Mr. Bibek Datta *....Advocates*

1. The petitioner’s application seeking transfer was returned by the head of the institution in the year 2022 on the ground that the petitioner is a single subject teacher.
2. The petitioner presses his application for transfer.
3. It appears that considerable period of time has lapsed from the day the application of the petitioner for transfer stood rejected. Staff strength may have changed in the meantime.
4. Accordingly, the instant writ petition stands disposed of with the observation that it will be open for the petitioner to make fresh

application offline seeking transfer in the prescribed format disclosing the ground for the same.

5. In the event such an application is made, the same shall be considered by the head of the institution in accordance with the prevailing transfer rules and law laid down by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court on 31st July, 2025 in the matter of ***Rupak Dhua Vs. The State of West Bengal & Ors. [FMA 995 of 2025 with IA No.: CAN 1 of 2025]*** wherein the Court took note of the notification dated 3rd January, 2022 amending the West Bengal School Service Commission (General Transfer, Transfer on Special Grounds and Reallocation) Rules, 2015.
6. The Court was of the opinion that the aforesaid notification states that it would be an obligation on the part of the District Inspector of Schools (SE) to take urgent steps in a time bound manner to search for a teacher on the same subject from nearby schools and make local arrangement so that the teacher of the other school attends the school wherefrom the single teacher had applied for transfer. The petitioner's claim for transfer cannot be kept in abeyance till a willing teacher is found. The Court was pleased to direct the District Inspector of Schools to take expeditious steps for filling up the resultant vacancy that might arise after the candidate's transfer is allowed.
7. A decision shall be taken at the earliest but positively within a period of eight weeks from the date of filing of the application.
8. The ground of single subject teacher cannot be relied upon by the authority to reject the prayer of the petitioner.

9. The fate of the petitioner's application shall be made known to the petitioner.
10. Suspension of the Utsashree portal shall not stand in the way of the respondents in taking steps in terms of the order passed hereinabove.
11. The writ petition stands disposed of.
12. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)