

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

WPA 44 of 2026

Safiul Islam
VS.
Union of India & Ors.

Mr. Robiul Islam
Mr. M. Rahaman
... For the petitioner

Mr. Ram Chandra Agarwal
Mr. Subhajit Das
... For Union of India

1. The petitioner participated for recruitment as Constable (GD) in Central Armed Police Forces.
2. He has been declared medically unfit by the Detailed Medical Examination Board due to bilateral deformity of distal phalanx of index fingers.
3. The petitioner was asked to appear before the Review Medical Examination Board. The Review Medical Examination Board declared the petitioner unfit on the same ground of bilateral deformity of distal phalanx of index fingers.
4. Thereafter the petitioner got himself medically examined in the State Government hospital and obtained a fit certificate in his favour.
5. The petitioner is aggrieved by the manner in which he has been medically examined by the Detailed Medical Examination Board and the Review Medical Examination Board.

6. Prayer has been made to re-evaluate and re-examine the physical fitness of the petitioner by an independent medical board.

7. Submission of the petitioner is opposed by the learned advocate representing the respondents. He submits that clause 2(h) of the Medical Guidelines which mentions that human body may contain so many defects/deformities and it is not possible to list all causes of unfitness in the medical recruitment instructions that may militate against efficient discharge of service. The recruiting medical officer needs to use his clinical acumen to the best of his knowledge in the best interest of the Forces. If the cause of rejection is not mentioned in the instructions, the same has to be correlated to an infirmity with reference to either non-medical literature on the subject or a parameter set out.

8. As per the Recruitment Rules, the decision of the Review Medical Examination Board is final and no appeal can be entertained.

9. As it appears that the expert doctors of the recruiting authority detected the aforementioned defect in the petitioner which is a ground for disqualification of candidature, accordingly, the Court is not inclined to interfere with the said finding.

10. As the petitioner participated for recruitment in the Central Armed Police Force, the medical certificate

relied upon by the petitioner obtained from the State Government Hospital in support of the submission that he does not suffer from any such defect, cannot be accepted.

11. The standard of fitness of a civilian is not the same as required in the armed forces where strict and stringent methods to assess physical fitness are resorted to.

12. In view of the above, no relief can be granted to the petitioner in the instant writ petition. The writ petition fails and is hereby dismissed.

13. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

14. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)