

22.01.2025
Court No.23
DL – 5
(PP)

**In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side**

WPA 455 of 2025

**Sanghamitra Ghosh
versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Shuvro Prokash Lahiri,
Mr. Rajesh Naskar,
Mr. Ankan Mondal

.... for the petitioner.

Mr. Sirsanya Bandopadhyay, Sr. Standing Counsel,
Mr. Ritesh Kr. Ganguly

....for the State.

Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on
record.

By an order dated 22nd November, 2024 passed in
a review application, being RVW 66 of 2024, arising out
of an order dated 7th February, 2024 passed in WPA
1995 of 2024 a coordinate Bench had given the
following directions:

“This Court is of the view that the aforesaid
issue may be agitated by the petitioner in an
independent writ application. For such purpose,
the observation of this Court in the order dated 7th
February, 2024 in the end of paragraph 16, i.e.,
the petitioner’s contract of engagement as a “State
Statistical Manager” must be deemed to have
come to an end with effect from 30th January,
2022 shall stand deleted. The issue as regards
automatic renewal of the petitioner’s contract of
service until the age of 60 and the petitioner’s

right and entitlement thereto and the obligation of the State to renew the petitioner's contract of service is left open for being decided in an independent writ application which the petitioner may file, if so advised. For such purpose, the recruitment notice for the post of State Statistical Manager dated 17th October, 2022 or any further notification to fill up the post shall remain stayed only for a period of 2 months from date."

The petitioner has filed this writ petition accepting the directions given in the order dated 22nd November, 2024.

After hearing the parties and considering the materials on record, I find that the matter is required to be decided after affording the respondents an opportunity to disclose their stand on affidavit.

Let affidavit-in-opposition be filed by 14th February, 2025. Reply thereto, if any, by 27th February, 2025.

Parties will be at liberty to mention for inclusion in the list under the heading "Hearing" on completion of affidavits or on expiry of the time provided for filing of affidavits, if no such affidavits are filed.

The interim order passed on 22nd February, 2024 is modified to the extent that the selection process for selecting a candidate to fill up the post which was allotted to the petitioner may continue, but no appointment and/or engagement of any nature shall be

granted or made without leave of this Court. The interim order will continue till 31st March, 2025 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

(Arindam Mukherjee, J.)