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Court No.18
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 1022 of 2026

Subhadip Mondal & Ors.

Vs.

State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Bikram Banerjee
Mr. Sudipta Dasgupta
Mr. Arka Nandi
Mr. Sondwip Sutradhar

...for the Petitioners.

Mr. Vivekananda Bose, Jr. SC
Mr. Kushal Das
Mr. Sandip Das Gupta
Ms. Mahima Cholera
Mr. Niket Ojha

...for the State.

Mr. Suhrit Majumder
Mr. Abhratanu Sarkar

...for the Union of India.

Mr. Kalyan Bandopadhyay, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Biswaroop Bhattacharyya
Mr. Arka Kumar Nag
Mr. Rahul Kumar Singh

...for the WBCSSC.

Ms. Koyeli Bhattacharyya
Mr. Bibek Dutta
Mr. Manas Bhattacharya

...for the WBBSE.

Ms. Asha G. Gutgutia

...for the NCTE.

1. Copy of the acknowledgement receipt for payment of deficit court fees and the affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioners in Court today be kept with the records.

2. The petitioners participated in the recruitment process of 2nd SLST in respect of the post of agriculture and agronomy. The qualification required for the post is Post Graduate with at least 50% marks (or its equivalent) from a recognized University and Bachelor of Education from a National Council for Teacher

Education recognized institution or Post Graduate with at least 50% marks (or its equivalent) from recognized University and B.A. Ed/B.Sc. Ed. from any NCTE recognized institution.

3. A candidate applying for a subject is required to pass at least the Post Graduate level examination in the relevant or concerned subject.

4. The subjects accepted by the Commission in respect of Agronomy are M.Sc. in Agriculture with Agronomy. The petitioners allege that there is no scope for obtaining B.Ed. degree in Agriculture or Agronomy.

5. The petitioners relies on the requests made to the Commission by the Vice Chancellor of Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, the Registrar of the University of Calcutta counter-signed by the Head, Department of Agronomy, Institute of Agricultural Science, University of Calcutta, the Principal of Visva-Bharati, Palli-Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and a representative of the Centurion University of Technology and Management.

6. Prayer has been made to declare that B.Ed. degree will not be an essential qualification in the post of Agronomy and the B.Ed. degree may be treated as a desirable qualification.

7. The aforesaid submissions of the petitioners are opposed by the Commission.

8. It has been submitted that the result of the examination is due to be published shortly and the petitioners have approached this Court at a very delayed point of time.

9. To allow the Commission to revert with a written report by way of an affidavit, hearing of the writ petition stands adjourned till February 27, 2026. It will also be open for the NCTE to file a report, if so advised.

10. Report shall be prepared and circulated by February 19, 2026.

11. It will be open for the petitioner to file exception to the report prior to the adjourned date.

12. The candidature of the petitioners shall abide by the result of the writ petition.

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

(Amrita Sinha, J.)