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

WPA/1676/2026

DEBAYAN DAS
VS.
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Mr. Saibal Acharyya, Advocate
Mr. Bipul Kr. Mondal, Advocate
Mr. Tulsi Sinha, Advocate

.....for the Petitioner

Mr. Anil Kr. Gupta, Advocate

.....for the UGC

Mr. Soumya Majumder, Advocate
Mr. S Dutta, Advocate
Mr. Barnamay Basak, Advocate

.....for respondent no. 5

1. Affidavit of service, as filed by the petitioner, be kept with the record.
2. In spite of service, there is no representation on behalf of the respondent nos. 3 and 4.
3. The petitioner is aggrieved that in spite of giving all particulars in the verification form-cum-joining report, for availing the national fellowship for Scheduled Caste students, the petitioner was deprived of such fellowship.
4. The ground for deprivation, it seems is the mistaken belief that the petitioner had not given the correct date of joining of the PHD course by the respondent no. 4 herein.
5. As it appears from the verification form appended at page 18 of this writ petition and other documents therewith, the petitioner had given the correct date of joining the PHD course. Thus, the communication at page 27 of the writ petition seems to be incorrect. The respondent nos. 3 and 4 are directed to consider the date of joining of the

petitioner as indicated in the verification form with proper documents which are the petitioner will be entitled to produce, if called for, within four weeks from the date of communication of this order to the respondent no. 4. The respondent no. 4 will convey the resultant order to the petitioner by May 20, 2026 and the consequential will follow to ensure that the petitioner gets the requisite scholarship to which he may be entitled to.

6. With the afore-stated direction, **WPA/1676/2026** is **disposed of**. There shall, however, be no order as to costs.

(Reetobroto Kumar Mitra, J.)