

12.08.2025
Court No. 18
Item No. 343(ML)
(**Suvendu**)

WPA 5199 of 2024

Supriya Joddar
-Versus-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Lakshmi Kanta Pal
Mr. Babndhu Brata Bhula
.....for the Petitioner

Ms. Koyeli Bhattacharya
Mr. Bibek Dutta
.....for the WBBSE

Mr. Biswabrata Basu Mallick
....for the State

1. Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

2. Petitioner is an Assistant Teacher who was appointed on 24th April, 2008 and was sanctioned Honours graduate scale of pay. Petitioner subsequently obtained post-graduate qualification in relevant subject of teaching from EIILM University, Sikkim in 2014. Petitioner prays for sanction of post-graduate scale of pay in consideration of her post-graduate qualification obtained through distance mode of education from EIILM University, Sikkim.

3. State respondents and West Bengal Board of Secondary Education are represented by learned advocates.

4. Question arises for consideration whether petitioner took admission at the main campus of the aforesaid University in Sikkim or by taking admission in study centre at Kolkata and on undergoing distance mode of education obtained such qualification. Such aspects are not disclosed in the writ petition.

5. In order to consider whether qualification obtained by the petitioner is recognized qualification or not these facts are relevant.

6. Issue needs to be decided on exchange of affidavits.

7. Let affidavit-in-opposition to this writ petition be filed by four weeks from date. Reply thereto, if any, be filed by two weeks thereafter.

8. Parties shall be at liberty to mention the matter before the appropriate Bench for hearing after the time fixed hereinabove for exchanging affidavits.

9. The learned advocate appearing for the petitioner is directed to communicate this order to non-appearing respondents by seven days from date and file affidavit of service on the next date.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)

