

23rd March, 2026

Item no.D/L 01
Court No. 18

Pradip, A.R.(Ct.)

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

Case No. **WPA 6251 of 2026**

In the matter of :

Dr. Soumya Dey

.... Petitioner

VS.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

....Respondents

For the Petitioner:

Ms. Ambiya Khatun

....Advocate

For the State:

Ms. Rajlakshmi Ghatak

....Advocate

1. The petitioner's prayer seeking study leave for thirty six months is pending consideration at the end of the Director of Medical Education since August, 2025.
2. The petitioner intends to pursue the DM (Medical Oncology) course at Sri Aurobindo Medical College & PG Institute, Indore, Madhya Pradesh. His course has started more than six months back. As the Director of Medical Education has not granted the study leave, accordingly, the petitioner is not in a position to join the course.
3. Learned advocate representing the State respondents submits, upon instruction that, the maximum amount of study leave which may be granted to a government employee is ordinarily twelve months at one time and during his entire service period, twenty four months in all (inclusive of similar kind of leave for study or training) may allowed. There is no provision for grant of three years study leave to a government employee.

4. Learned advocate for the petitioner relies on the provision for study leave where there is a scope for combining study leave with leave of other kinds.
5. Reference has also been made to the Order No. HF/O/HS(MA)/1615/HFW/1144/2025-South 24PGS CMOH SEC dated 9th December, 2025 issued by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal, Health Service (Medical Administration) Branch issued in respect of one Dr. Saikat Chakraborty regularizing his period of absence.
6. To allow the learned advocate representing the State respondents to revert with further instruction as to whether three years' study leave may be provided to the petitioner after combining the other leaves or not, hearing of the writ petition stands adjourned till 30th March, 2026.
7. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.
8. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)