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W.P.A. 16592 of 2025

Abhijit Behara

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Biswarup Biswas,
Mr. Nupur Choudhuri

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Gourav Das,
Mr. Subhajit Chowdhury

....for the State.

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. Petitioner has questioned memo dated 7th July, 2025 issued by the District Inspector of Schools (SE), Nadia whereby prayer of the petitioner for sanction of postgraduate scale of pay was rejected.
3. It appears that petitioner obtained postgraduate qualification in 2018 whereas West Bengal Schools (Control of Expenditure) (Amendment), Act, 2016 came into effect on and from 2nd February, 2017 and petitioner is not a teacher of higher secondary section.
4. Therefore, the issue needs to be decided on exchange of affidavits.
5. Let affidavit-in-opposition to this writ petition be filed by four weeks from date and affidavit-in-reply, thereto if any, be filed by one week after ensuing

Puja vacation.

6. Petitioner shall be at liberty to mention the matter before the appropriate Bench for hearing after the time fixed hereinabove for exchanging affidavits.
7. The learned advocate for the petitioner is directed to communicate this order to the non-appearing respondents by seven days from date and file further affidavit-of-service on the next date.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)