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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA  
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION  
APPELLATE SIDE**

WPA/19271/2025  
NIRMAL KUMAR SINGHA  
VS  
STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.  
IA NO: CAN/1/2026

Mr. Subir Sanyal, Id. Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Ali Ahsan Alamgir  
Ms. Soma Mal  
Ms. Rabia Khatoon  
Ms. June Modak

...for the

Petitioner.

Mr. Subir Sanyal, Id. Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Ali Ahsan Alamgir  
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...for the

Applicants.

Mr. Ratul Biswas  
Mr. Kaushik Chowdhury

...for WBBPE.

Mr. Avishek Prasad  
Mr. Sourodeep Singha

...for DPSC,

Malda.

**Re: CAN 1 of 2026**

1. Upon urgent mentioning by the learned advocate for the petitioner the matter is appearing under the heading "*To Be Mentioned*".
2. Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

3. This is an application for addition of parties on the ground that the applicants are also similarly placed as that of petitioners in the writ petition.
4. Mr. Subir Sanyal, learned senior advocate appearing for the applicants submits that the applicants in CAN 1 of 2026 are similarly placed as that of petitioners in the writ petition. He seeks that the applicants be added as petitioners in the writ petition.
5. In view of such submissions and considering the contentions in the application, let the applicants be added as petitioners in the writ petition.
6. The application being **CAN 1 of 2026** stands disposed of.
7. The added petitioners are directed to deposit *ad valorem* court fees.

**Re: WPA 19271 of 2025**

8. By the present writ petition the petitioners have sought for direction upon the respondent authorities to extend the benefits to undergo six months Certificate Course (Bridge) in primary education to the petitioners and to allow them to undergo the said Course in primary teachers Education through ODL mode as notified vide memo No.1830/WBBPE/2025/30T-03/25 dated 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.
9. The petitioners have participated in a selection process of Assistant Teachers for primary schools for the year 2009. All the petitioners are presently posted as Assistant Teachers in the District of Malda. The

Notification of the NCTE dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 has allowed the primary teachers who had been appointed with B.Ed. degree in accordance with NCTE's notification dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 and who were in-service before the date of Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment dated 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 in *Devesh Sharma versus Union of India (Re: Civil Appeal No. 5068 of 2023)* to take admission in training course. The candidates who have been appointed in the years 2021 and 2022 in respect of selection process of 2009, have been allowed to undergo the training course. The petitioners being appointed after the date of the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court are unable to take admission in the six-month Bridge course in terms of Notification dated 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 due to its stipulation.

10. Mr. Subir Sanyal, learned Senior Advocate appearing on behalf of the petitioners submits that a coordinate Bench of this Hon'ble Court in *WPA 18980 of 2025 (Sandip Roy & ors. Vs. The State of West Bengal & ors.)* referred the matter to the Hon'ble Division Bench for the decision and the Hon'ble Division Bench on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2025 has passed order allowing the petitioners therein to register in the six-month Bridge Course conducted by NIOS either online or offline. The petitioners in the present writ petitions being similarly circumstanced be extended the same benefits in their favour. The last date of registration in

the said course is extended till 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2026. He files a copy of the Notification No.8 of 2025 dated 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 of NIOS. He places reliance on the decision of this Court in *Nitai Baidya & Ors. Versus State of West Bengal (WPA 19151 of 2025)* and other writ petitions.

11. Having heard the learned advocates for respective parties, it would be apposite to reproduce the relevant portion of the decision of the Hon'ble Division Bench dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2025 passed in WPA 18980 of 2025 as follows:

*“7. Accordingly, we permit the writ petitioners to register on the six-month Bridge Course conducted by NIOS either online or offline. Such registration will be subject to the result of the writ petition. We clarify that if the writ petition fails, the registration of the writ petitioners and all subsequent steps shall stand cancelled and annulled.”*

12. It is not in dispute that these petitioners are similarly circumstanced as that of the petitioners in WPA 18980 of 2025 and WPA 19151 of 2025 and other writ petitions.
13. In view of the above, the writ petitioners are permitted to register on the six-month Bridge course conducted by NIOS either online or offline. Such registration will be subject to the result of the writ petition. It is clarified that if the writ petition fails, the registration of the writ petitioners and all subsequent steps shall stand cancelled and annulled.
14. Learned advocate for the petitioner is directed to serve notice upon learned advocate for NCTE intimating the next date of hearing.

15. List this matter on **30<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.**

**(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)**