

20.11.2024
Court No. 18
Item No. 124 (ML)
(Suvendu)

WPA 21902 of 2023

Nandkumar Jeevanrao STPN High School
-Versus-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Gunamay Das
..... Petitioner (in person)

Mr. Supriyo Chattopadhyay, Ld. AGP
Ms. Sayantanee Bhattacharjee
.....for the State

Ms. Saswati Chatterjee
.....for the WBBSE

One, Gunamay Das claiming to be founder of Nandkumar Jeevanrao STPN High School, Purba Madinipur appears in person and makes submission.

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

It has been submitted by Mr. Das that application seeking recognition of the school was made in 2018 and District Level Inspection Team visited the school and prepared a report and thereafter District Inspector of Schools forwarded the relevant documents including DLIT report to the Commissioner of School Education, West Bengal for taking further steps in order to grant recognition. After appraising

the documents Deputy Director of School Education (Anglo-Indian Section), West Bengal, communicated a memo dated 27th February, 2020 to the concerned District Inspector of Schools indicating certain deficiencies school was having including necessity to submit Fire Safety Certificate.

It is submitted by Mr. Das that contemporaneously said communication dated 27th February, 2020 was not received by the school authority and due to intervening COVID pandemic timely steps could not be taken to upgrade the infrastructure of school as required in terms of the said memo dated 27th February, 2020 as well as for obtaining Fire Safety Certificate. However, it has been further submitted on behalf of the petitioner that meanwhile steps have been taken for obtaining Fire Safety Certificate and the concerned department has issued Fire Safety recommendations which are required to be complied with by the said school authority in order to receive Fire Safety Certificate. According to the petitioner, process is continuing and school authority expects that they would receive Fire Safety Certificate soon.

Petitioner has prayed for six months time to obtain Fire Safety Certificate.

Having considered the report dated 24th January, 2024 of the Commissioner of School Education, West Bengal, this Court finds that issue relating to grant of recognition needs to be considered after submission of Fire Safety Certificate by the school authority before the concerned State authority.

Since prayer is made for adjourning the matter for some time in order to facilitate the said school authority to obtain Fire Safety Certificate, hearing of this matter stands adjourned for six months.

Let the matter go out of list with liberty to the petitioner to mention the matter for inclusion in the list after obtaining Fire Safety Certificate.

However, leave is granted to the school authority to produce Fire Safety Certificate before the Commissioner of School Education on procuring the same.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)

