

S/L 8
22.04.2026
Court No.18
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 22400 of 2025
CAN 1 of 2026

Sakuntala Halder (Ghosh)
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Pankaj Halder
Mr. Dipannita Laha

...for the Petitioner.

Ms. Jyotsna Roy Mukherjee
Ms. Suchana Banerjee

...for the State.

Mr. Neelabha Bera

...for the Respondent No.8.

1. The petitioner was appointed as Anganwadi worker under Joynagar-II Block. She alleges large scale corruption in the Anganwadi center. She made application seeking transfer to any other Anganwadi center. The said application is pending consideration at the end of the District Programme Officer (ICDS), South 24 Parganas.

2. It has been alleged that the private respondent no.9 who does not have the requisite qualification for being engaged as a helper in Anganwadi center is the culprit and she along with her associates is not allowing the petitioner to discharge her duties as Anganwadi worker.

3. It has been submitted that as the respondent no. 9 does not possess the requisite qualification for engagement her application was not attested by the petitioner. She has been targeted for the same and not allowed to join service.

4. The petitioner submits that she has received her honourarium till the month of October 2025 but thereafter she has neither been paid nor she has been allowed to perform her duty.

5. It has been submitted that no disciplinary proceeding has been initiated against her till date. After the petitioner was restrained from performing her duty, the Supervisor, Integrated Child Development Services Project, Joynagar-II, the respondent no.11 herein has taken charge of the center.

6. The petitioner prays for a direction upon the authority to consider her application seeking transfer to any other Anganwadi center.

7. Learned advocate representing the Baishata 99 Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Center, the respondent no.8 herein admits the large scale corruption issue that has been raised by the petitioner.

8. It has been submitted that in terms of the order passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench on April 10, 2025 in WPA (P) 89 of 2025 [Village Education Committee, 99 Center and Another vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.], an enquiry was conducted but neither any report of enquiry been communicated nor any steps taken by the District Magistrate.

9. Learned advocate representing the State respondents seeks time to revert with instruction.

10. As it appears that there is already an order from the Hon'ble Division Bench directing consideration of

the representation filed by the sub-center alleging corruption and a hearing was conducted in terms of the said order, accordingly, the District Magistrate, South 24 Parganas is directed to file a report disclosing the steps taken in compliance of the direction passed by the Court on April 10, 2025 in the aforesaid writ petition.

11. The District Programme Officer (ICDS), South 24 Parganas is directed to consider the prayer of the petitioner seeking transfer and revert with a report.

12. Leave granted to the learned advocate representing the private respondent no. 8 to file vakalatnama in the department by course of this week.

13. Re-list the matter for further consideration on May 18, 2026.

14. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)