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WPA 22400 of 2025
with
CAN 1 of 2026

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

Mr. Pankaj Halder
..... for the petitioner

Ms. Aparna Banerjee, learned AGP
.....for the State

1. Let affidavit-of-service, as filed in Court, be kept on record.
2. The petitioner is aggrieved that she is not being transferred to a place of her choice and that her application seeking transfer on August 18, 2025 has not been considered favourably. The petitioner is an Anganwadi worker who was one of the signatories for the institution of public interest litigation in the concerned district. She apprehends that being one of the signatories, the mischief makers of the project may take harassive steps against her, thereby impeding her service at the said project.
3. In the public interest litigation, which was filed before this Hon'ble Court, an order was passed directing the concerned District Magistrate to enquire into the matter and pass a reasoned order. Such order has been passed on August 28, 2025.

4. From the order it appears that the petitioner herein is not above the corrupt practices and has herself indulged in several acts which are suspect and hence questionable.

5. Learned Advocate for the petitioner, during the course of arguments, enlarged his prayer from mere consideration of the application of her transfer to adequate protection permitting the petitioner to attend her workplace. The petitioner seems to have made a request to the concerned police authorities to permit her to attend to her workplace.

6. Bereft of all other allegations made in the writ petition which was sufficiently enlarged at the time of hearing, the only issue that relates to the present writ petition is the application for transfer. The prayers in the writ petition are restricted to the application for transfer made by the petitioner on August 18, 2025.

7. Since the application for transfer is pending consideration before the respondent no. 4, the said respondent is directed to deliberate on the same and pass necessary orders either allowing or rejecting the same. The prayer for transfer is not a matter of right and cannot be sought for as such.

8. The prayer as made in the application of August 18, 2025 will be duly considered by the said respondents in accordance with law within a period of

eight weeks from the date of communication of this order.

9. With the aforestated directions, the writ petition along with connected application being CAN 1 of 2026 are disposed of.

10. There will be no order as to costs.

11. All parties shall act on the basis of a server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Reetobroto Kumar Mitra, J.)