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Item No.130-133
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Subrata
Bhattacharyya
AR(C)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA

Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

WPA No.22445 of 2025
Sourav Kumar Mandal & Ors.

-vs-

State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sudipta Dasgupta
Mr. Ritwik Basu ...for the petitioners

Dr. Sutanu Kumar Patra
Ms. Supriya Dubey ...for WBCSSC

Mr. Swapan Kumar Datta, GP
Mr. Vivekananda Bose, JSC
Mr. Arkadipta Sengupta ...for the State

1. The petitioners are serving as Early Interventionist cum Special Educators in terms of the appointment letter issued by the Director, Institute of Post Graduate Medical Research, Kolkata. They intend to participate in the recruitment process of Special Educators in accordance with the notification dated September 9, 2025.
2. The Rules framed by the School Education Department on January 21, 2025 being the West Bengal School Service Commission (Recruitment of Persons for appointment to the posts of Special Education Teachers) Rules, 2024 are standing in the way.
3. According to the Rules, the maximum age limit for participating in the recruitment process will be relaxed only in respect of the Special Educators and Inclusive Education for the Disabled Coordinator of the State working under Paschim

Banga Samagra Shiksha Mission and those who are working under Government recognized Special Schools running under Mass Education Extension & Library Science Department to the Government of West Bengal, with approval of the said Mission or competent authority (District Education Officer, SSM of respective District. In case of Special Educators & IE Coordinators working under Paschim Banga Samagra Shiksha Mission & District Mass Education & Extension officer of respective District in case of special educators/special teachers working in Special schools approved/recognized under MEE Department.

4. Though the petitioners have filled in the application form for participating in the recruitment process, they are apprehensive that their case may not be considered as they have crossed the prescribed age. They seek age relaxation.
5. The matter has been heard at some length. Learned counsel for the respondents are directed to revert with instruction after exploring the possibility of the petitioners being provided age relaxation after taking into consideration the service that they impart to the State.
6. List on November 26, 2025.
7. All parties are to act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.
8. Certified copy of this order, if applied for, shall be made available to the parties.

[Amrita Sinha, J]

