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Sl. No.**107**
Court no.IV
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**CIRCUIT BENCH OF CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
AT JALPAIGURI**

WPA/1455/2025

**SANTANU DUTTA
VS
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.**

Ms. Esha Acharya
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Anirban Banerjee,
Mr. Sourav Sarkar
...for the State.

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

Petitioner is aggrieved by the inaction on the part of the respondents in considering the petitioner's request for transfer on the twin grounds that the petitioner is a surplus teacher and that the distance between the petitioner's residence and school is too long.

The petitioner has approached the Chairman, District Primary Council, Cooch Behar by way of representation dated May 29, 2025 requesting the said authority to consider the petitioner's case for transfer and take appropriate steps but such representation of the petitioner has been kept pending.

Having heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and having considered the material on record, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the Chairman, District Primary School, Cooch Behar to consider the petitioner's representation dated May 29, 2025 (annexure P-3 at page 16 of the writ petition) and dispose of the same strictly in accordance with law within a period of four weeks from the date of communication of this order.

In case the petitioner is found entitled to be transferred, then the Chairman, District Primary School Council, Cooch Behar shall take expeditious steps to transfer the petitioner in terms of the petitioner's request. In case the petitioner's request for transfer is not acceded to, the said Chairman District Primary School Council shall pass a reasoned order specifying why the petitioner cannot be transferred and communicate such order to the petitioner within a week from passing thereof.

WPA 1451 of 2025 stands disposed of with the above observation..

Urgent certified photo copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied as expeditiously as possible.

(Om Narayan Rai, J.)