

WPO/414/2025
IA No.GA/1/2025

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
ORIGINAL SIDE

ARIJIT DAS AND ORS.

-VERSUS-

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE KAUSIK CHANDA

Date: 18th June, 2025

Appearance:

Mr. Raghunath Chakraborty, Adv.

Ms. Tanushree Das, Adv.

...for the petitioner.

Mr. Alak Kumar Ghosh, Adv.

Ms. Piyali Sengupta, Adv.

...for the KMC.

Ms. Sonal Sinha, Adv.

Mr. Shabnam Farooqui, Adv.

...for the State.

Ms. Koyeli Bhattacharyya, Adv.

...for the Municipal Service Commissioner.

The Court: The petitioners challenge advertisement No.1 of 2025 issued by the West Bengal Municipal Service Commission for the posts of Sub-Assistant Engineers (Civil).

The petitioners apprehend that following the said advertisement the notification for the Assistant Engineer will be published soon by the Corporation.

Mr. Ghosh, learned Advocate appearing for the Corporation submits that the advertisement does not relate to the petitioners since the petitioners are Sub-Assistant Engineers and they are claiming promotion to the post of Assistant Engineer. He further submits that Corporation is

not contemplating the recruitment for the post of Assistant Engineer right now.

Various arguments have been made by the parties before this Court concerning the writ petition. A bare perusal of the writ petition, however, shows advertisement No.1 of 2015 has been published for 78 posts of Sub-Assistant Engineers for the following categories:

No. of Vacancy	Category wise Vacancy position
78	UR-31
	EWS-08
	UR (PWD)-03
	SC-18
	ST-05
	OBC(A)-08
	OBC(B)-05

This is not understood how the posts have been kept reserved for the OBC-A and OBC-B category after the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court dated 22nd May, 2024 passed in WPO/60/2011 (Amal Chandra Das vs. State of West Bengal).

Keeping in mind the importance of the matter, let the Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation and the Chairman of West Bengal Municipal Service Commission appear before this Court via online at 12 noon tomorrow (19.06.2025).

List the matter tomorrow (19.06.2025) at 12 noon.

(KAUSIK CHANDA, J.)