

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
SPECIAL JURISDICTION (CONTEMPT)
ORIGINAL SIDE

CC/53/2023
WPO/635/2017
AKSHYA KUMAR SARANGI
VS
NARAYAN SWAROOP NIGAM AND ANR.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE ARIJIT BANERJEE
The Hon'ble JUSTICE APURBA SINHA RAY
Date : 11TH March, 2024.

Appearance:
Mr. Srikanta Dutta, Adv.
Ms. Rituparna Sarkar, Adv.
.....for petitioner
Mr. T.M. Siddique, AGP.
Mr. Tanoy Chairaborty, Adv.
Mr. Saptak Sanyal, Adv.
...for Res-alleged contemnor no. 1.
Mr. Somnath Ganguli, Adv.
Ms. Sukalpa Seal, Adv.
Mr. Paritosh Sinha, Adv.
...for the respondent alleged contemnor
no.2.

The Court:- A bunch of documents is sought to be handed up to us on behalf of the alleged contemnor no.1.

Let a formal report in the form of affidavit be filed on the next date annexing all these documents and any other relevant documents that may be available with the alleged contemnor no. 1.

We find that the Director of Health Services, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal has addressed a letter dated February 20, 2024, to the Director of National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD)/NIVH (Divyangjan), which is to the following effect:

“Sir,

This is in connection with a writ petition in the Calcutta High Court bearing case number CC/53/2023 (Akshay Kumar Sarengi vs. Sri Narayan Swaroop Nigam IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal) arising out of WPO/645/2017 relating to the possibility of lead toxicity in the children of the blind schools using the Braille method of learning.

In this regard, it may kindly be intimated whether lead is being used in the Braille and in associated other items causing a concern for lead toxicity may kindly be shared with us in case lead is still in use in the Braille method. It may further be intimated as to whether lead is at all used in the Braille system at the current juncture.

Any further valuable input on the issues associated may kindly be intimated to this end.

An early reply from your end is earnestly solicited.”

We would like to have the response of the addressee of the aforesaid letter on the adjourned date.

List the matter once again on April 3, 2024.

(ARIJIT BANERJEE, J)

(APURBA SINHA RAY, J.)

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