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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA  
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 22402 of 2025  
IA No : CAN 1 of 2025

Soumyadip Manna & Anr.  
Vs.  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

*Mr. Kingsuk Mondal,*  
*Mr. Partha Sarathi Mondal,*  
*Ms. Tithi Sarkar* *...for the Petitioners.*

*Mr. Santanu Kr. Mitra, Sr. Govt. Adv.,*  
*Mr. Samrat Paul* *...for the State.*

*Mr. Debashis Banerjee,*  
*Mr. Partha Sarathi Das,*  
*Mr. Rakesh Jana*  
*...for Dibyendu Roy, Raja Sil & Dr. Prabir Mukherjee.*

*Mr. Arindam Das* *...for Rajat Lal Biswas.*

*Mr. Sandip Chakraborty,*  
*Mr. Ayan Banerjee,*  
*Mr. Kaustav Das* *...for the Trustee/respondent no. 7.*

*Mr. Nilotpall Chatterjee* *...for the Indian Nursing Council.*

*Mr. Abir Sarkar* *...for the WBNC.*

As directed by the order dated December 17, 2025, all the trustees of Vedanta Educational Trust, namely, 1. Shri Sujit Kumar Das, 2. Shri Angshuman Chowdhury, 3. Shri Rajarshi Das, 4. Shri Mrinmoy Sinha, 5. Shri Swadhin Rajak, 6. Shri Dibyendu Roy, 7. Shri Raja Sil, 8. Dr. Prabir Mukherjee, 9. Shri Rajat Lal Biswas, are present before me.

The principal of the nursing college which the said trust was running is not traceable.

However, Mr. Ayan Banerjee, learned advocate appears on behalf of some of the trustees and Mr. Arindam Das, learned advocate for one of the trustees. Mr. Debashis Banerjee, learned advocate has already entered appearance for some others.

All the said learned advocates jointly submit that their clients shall pay the course fees of the petitioners if they take admission in a new college.

Learned advocate for the petitioners submits that his clients have enquired that in some nursing colleges, there are vacant seats where the petitioners can take admission to complete their courses. He further submits that the petitioner no.1 has not yet been supplied with his first year result.

The petitioner no. 1 is directed to contact the West Bengal Nursing Council to get the said result as expeditiously as possible.

All the 9 trustees named above shall pay a sum of **Rs. 1,00,000/- each** for paying the entire course fees of the petitioners; such payment is to be made in favour of the West Bengal Nursing Council.

To facilitate such payment, Mr. Abir Sarkar, learned advocate for the West Bengal Nursing Council shall provide the details of the Bank Account of the Council to Mr. Debashis Banerjee, Mr. Ayan Banerjee and Mr. Arindam Das, learned advocates for the trustees.

The payment as directed above shall be made within a period of **two weeks** from the date of furnishing of the said bank account details.

The Council shall identify a nursing college for the admission of the petitioners in second year of the course which they were pursuing at the Calcutta Vedanta Nursing Institute, Amtala, District: 24 Parganas (South) and shall pay the entire course fees for the petitioners from the money to be deposited by the said trustees, and after payment of the said course fees, if any money is left as residue of the said deposits, the same shall be kept by the council to its credit as costs of this proceeding.

The trustees have closed the nursing college when they failed to use it for their financial benefit. It appears that there are irregularities galore in opening and running the said nursing college.

Mr. Sarkar, learned advocate for the council submits that usually the Principal of a nursing college is a qualified nurse. In many cases, it is found that the principal is actively involved in the illegal activities of the nursing colleges.

The present case is only an instance, illegal activities in many colleges like in the present one cannot be ruled out. The council has a duty to take steps to close the nursing colleges which are indulging in such illegal activities.

The West Bengal Nursing Council, therefore, is directed to conduct an enquiry in all nursing colleges affiliated to it and to close those which are found to be not in order and are violating the norms of the Council, if necessary, the Council shall take appropriate penal action against the persons involved in managing the affairs of such colleges. The Council shall also identify the principal(s) of the nursing colleges who are aiding and abetting illegal activities in running nursing colleges in the state and shall take appropriate action against them, including cancellation of their registration.

The entire exercise in this regard is to be carried out within a period of **six months** from date.

However, a preliminary progress report regarding such exercise be placed before this court after **six weeks** from date.

List the matter accordingly.

**The West Bengal Nursing Council shall circulate this order to all nursing colleges affiliated to it.**

Personal appearance of all the trustees of Vedanta Educational Trust, namely, 1. Shri Sujit Kumar Das, 2. Shri Angshuman Chowdhury, 3. Shri Rajarshi Das, 4. Shri Mrinmoy Sinha, 5. Shri Swadhin Rajak, 6. Shri Dibyendu Roy, 7. Shri Raja Sil, 8. Dr. Prabir Mukherjee and 9. Shri Rajat Lal Biswas, are dispensed with for the time being.

Parties to act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

**(Biswajit Basu, J.)**