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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE
(Via Video Conference)

WPA 15800 of 2021

Hapija Khatun & Ors.

Vs.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya, Sr. Adv.,
Mr. Firdous Samim,
Ms. Gopa Biswas

....for the petitioner.

Ms. Chaitali Bhattacharya,
Mr. Avishek Prasad

....for the State.

An important point falls for consideration in this writ petition. The petitioners question the rejection of their candidature for having applied with their respective photographs with head gear (hijab) as part of their religious practice when the face in the photograph is clear for necessary identification. Jurisdictional issue as to maintainability of the writ petition before this Court is also raised by the respondents.

The matter, on preliminary hearing appears to me, can be decided without affidavits since there are no disputed facts involved.

Let this matter appear on 6th January, 2022.

It is made clear that the result of the recruitment process so far as the petitioner is concerned, shall abide by the result of this writ petition.

(Arindam Mukherjee, J.)