

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
INTEGRATED LAW CELL
BIKASH BHAVAN, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA- 700091

No. 139L/ 1C-262L/2023(Part).

Dated: 01/06/2026

ORDER

In continuation of this Department's earlier communication in compliance with the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta's order dated 03.07.2025 in WPA(P) No. 241 of 2025, and in light of the supplementary affidavit filed by the writ petitioner on 10.03.2026 in WPA(P) No. 519 of 2023, all Universities and all Government / Government-aided Colleges in the State are hereby directed to immediately stop collecting any amount from students under the head "Students' Union Fee" or any similar nomenclature or any fees meant to be spent for the Students' Union and further directing not to incur any expenditure from the fund collected from the "Students' Union Fee" and have the amounts already collected on such account secured, pending further orders from the Hon'ble Court in all institutions where no duly elected Students' Union/Council exists. Any funds already collected under such heads shall be kept secured in a separate interest-bearing account and shall not be utilised or disbursed until further orders from this Department or until a Students' Union is duly elected in accordance with law, whichever is earlier.

Furthermore, all such Universities and Colleges shall forthwith conduct an audit of all expenditure incurred from the said fee heads since the date of the last duly held Students' Union election (or since the expiry of the last elected body, as applicable). The audit report shall be submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal, within 30 days of this order. A compliance report detailing the steps taken to stop collection, secure existing funds, and complete the audit shall be sent to this Department within 30 days. Any violation shall be treated as non-compliance with the Hon'ble Court's orders and may invite appropriate action.

By order of the Governor,
Sd/-
Additional Chief Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. Vice-Chancellor/Registrar(All) University.
2. The Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal.
3. Secretary, (CS Branch), HED.
4. Senior Special Secretary, University Branch, HED.
5. Senior Special Secretary, Technical Branch, HED.
6. Joint Secretary, Technical Branch, HED.
7. Director of Technical Education.

01/06/2026
Special Law Officer

Principal,
Mahatma Gandhi College
Lalpur, Daldai, Purulia