

**Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court  
at Jalpaiguri**

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2020**

**W.P.A. 610 of 2020**

**Susanta Saha @ Bapi Saha.  
Versus  
The State of West Bengal.**

Mr. Asis Bhattacharyya,  
Mr. Biswajit Mitra.  
....for the petitioner.

Mr. Hirak Barman,  
Ms. Bedashruti Bose.  
.....for the State.

Affidavit of service filed in Court today be taken  
on record.

The petitioner says that on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2014  
the petitioner made an application to the District  
Magistrate, Cooch Behar for allowing him a licence  
for a Pistol. The said application is still pending  
despite repeated reminders and requests from the  
said writ petitioner.

The State is represented and says that certain  
serious aspects are needed to be considered before  
granting fire arms licence to the petitioner as the  
petitioner complains of being threatened by an  
extremist organization.

I dispose of this writ petition directing the  
District Magistrate, Cooch Behar to consider the  
petitioner's application for grant of Pistol licence  
within a period of three months from the date of  
communication of the server copy of this order.

The concerned District Magistrate, being

respondent no. 5 shall give the petitioner a personal hearing and shall dispose of the application with a reasoned order.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the learned advocates appearing for the parties on compliance of all requisite formalities.

**(ARINDAM MUKHERJEE, J.)**