

16th November, 2021
(D/L No.29)
(SKB)

W.P.A. 25 of 2020
(Via Video Conference)

Kakuli Karmakar
Versus
State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. N. I. Khan,
Mr. Amlan Kr. Mukherjee
... for the petitioner.

Mr. Amal Kumar Sen,
Mr. Jaladhi Das
... for the State.

Affidavit of service filed in Court today be kept with
the records.

According to the learned counsel, the prayer in the
present writ petition which is for direction on the
respondent authorities to accept the applications along
with requisite fees for grant of contract carriage permits
in Route No. 81 (Ultadanga Station (P & T Qtr.) to Jora
Bagan Power House via Aurobindo Sarani, Sova Bazar, B.
K. Paul Avenue) has been substantially addressed by an
order of a coordinate Bench dated 4th March, 2021 in
WPA 49 of 2020. By the said order, the learned single
Judge directed the Secretary to the Government of West
Bengal, Transport Department to instruct each and every
Regional Transport Authority covered under Gazette
Notification dated 10th December, 2018 to publish a
notice every month with the number of vacancies within
the jurisdiction of the RTA together with the cut-off date

by which applications for grant of permits will have to be made by the interested parties. Counsel submits that even though notice was published pursuant to the order on 3rd November, 2021, Route No. 81 does not find place in the said notice.

Learned counsel appearing for the State submits that the reason for not mentioning Route-81 in the notice is because there was no vacancy in the said Route. Counsel submits that since the next notice will be published in the month of December, Route-81 shall be mentioned if vacancies are found in the said Route.

Having regard to the above, WPA 25 of 2020 is disposed of with a direction on the respondent No. 2 being the Regional Transport Authority to publish the next Notice as directed by co-ordinate Bench having particular regard on whether there are resulting vacancies in Route-81. The requisite cut-off date shall also be mentioned in the notice so that the petitioners can make appropriate applications within the said date.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be made available to the parties upon compliance with the requisite formalities.

(Moushumi Bhattacharya, J.)