

16<sup>th</sup> November, 2021  
(D/L No.32)  
(SKB)

**W.P.A. 54 of 2020**  
(Via Video Conference)

Soni Devi  
Versus  
State of West Bengal & Ors.

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

Mr. Ayan Banerjee  
... 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. 73 (Sealdah Court Complex to C. I. T. Building via B. M. Road) has been substantially addressed by an order of a coordinate Bench dated 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021, Route No. 73 does not find place in the said notice.

Learned counsel appearing for the State submits that the reason for not mentioning Route-73 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-73 shall be mentioned if vacancies are found in the said Route.

Having regard to the above, WPA 54 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-73. 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.)**