

**WPA 14859 of 2018**  
**Ashoke Ghosh and Others**  
**Vs.**  
**State of West Bengal and Others**  
(Through Video Conference)

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... for the petitioners

By this petition the petitioners have sought a direction to the official respondents not to grant any permit to Auto rickshaw, Trekker, Tata Magic etc. in the route in between Panduah to Rameshwarpur via Gopalnagar having a total distance of 13 kms.

The petitioners are operating Auto rickshaw in this route and they have raised the grievance in this petition that there are already 51 Auto rickshaw permits granted in the route and 6 more are going to be issued and number of permits for Magic vehicles, Trekker service etc. have been issued which has made the route crowded, therefore, no further permit should be issued.

On the face of it, it is apparent that the petitioners in order to protect their personal interest and avoid competition in the route have filed the present petition which is not permissible. That apart, authorities are best judge to decide the number of permits to be granted on a particular route having regard to the width of the road

and other prevailing circumstances and such a decision need not be interfered with unless it is demonstrated to be arbitrary or discriminatory. No material particulars have been placed on record with the petition to demonstrate the decision to be arbitrary. Hence we are of the opinion that no case for interference in this case is made out which is accordingly dismissed.

**(Prakash Shrivastava, C.J.)**

**(Rajarshi Bharadwaj, J.)**