

**WPA 6492 of 2020
With
CAN 1 of 2020 (Old CAN 5166 of 2020)**

**Sri Chhoton Pramanik
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Tapan Kumar Mukherjee, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Somnath Naskar

... ... for the State

Mr. Amit Kumar Nag

... ... for the respondent nos.7 & 8

1. None appears for the petitioner.

2. This writ petition styled as public interest litigation
the seeks to challenge LPG Distributorship granted to the
9th respondent by the Indian Oil Corporation.

3. Learned counsel for the Indian Oil Corporation
submits that the distributorship has been granted by
following the relevant rules and after obtaining requisite
licences from the explosives department, the Food and
Supplies Department and the District Magistrate.

4. It is pointed out that the petitioner was also an
applicant for the distributorship but was unsuccessful
and has come forward with this petition. To establish the
same a list of applicants enclosed along with petition was
placed from which we find that the name of the writ
petitioner is in serial no.11. If that be so, the present writ
petition cannot be treated as public interest litigation but
a private interest litigation. The petitioner being an
applicant himself cannot now state that the allocation of

distributorship is not conducive and such an objection at the instance of the writ petitioner is not maintainable.

5 Hence, the writ petition is dismissed.

(T.S. Sivagnanam)
Acting Chief Justice

(Hiranmay Bhattacharyya, J.)