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Ct No.09
27.07.2023
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WPA No. 17040 of 2023

Sri Swapan China @ Swapan Kumar China
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and others

Mr. Tanmoy Mukherjee,
Mr. Souvik Das,
Mr. K.R. Ahmed,
Mr. Rudranil Das

.... for the petitioner

Mr. Tanoy Chakraborty,
Ms. Oindrila Chatterjee

.... for the State

Learned counsel for the petitioner makes an
innocuous prayer.

The petitioner is a shooter, being one of the
members of the Howrah Rifle Club, and had a gun
licence for keeping 3 NP Bore Fire Arms, 0.12 Bore
DBBL gun (BRNO), permissible rifle .22 Bore Rifle
(BRNO) and permissible Pistol, .32 Bore Pistol (FN
Browning) at a time. However, when the petitioner
applied for renewal of such licence, the State
respondent is sitting tight over the matter.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Since the petitioner has already applied for a
renewal of his gun licence, and has also given a
representation for consideration of such application,
as annexed at page-20 of the writ petition, the

purpose of justice would be sub-served if the respondent authorities are directed to process such application at the earliest.

Accordingly, WPA No. 17040 of 2023 is disposed of by directing the respondent nos. 2 and 3 to process the application for renewal of gun licence made by the petitioner, along with the representation annexed to the writ petition, as expeditiously as possible and to ensure that such decision is taken within three weeks from date.

There will be no order as to costs.

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

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)