

In view of the above, this Court is inclined to hold that since the order impugned relies upon an amended provision of the notification issued on August 30, 2007 which is yet to be finalised, the order requires to be set aside.

Accordingly the order impugned passed on December 25, 2019 of the Deputy Secretary, State Transport Authority, West Bengal is set aside.

The concerned authority being the respondent no. 4 herein, is directed to reconsider the request of the petitioner and pass a speaking and reasoned order within six weeks from the date of communication of this order upon affording reasonable opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, in accordance with law.

The decision taken by the authority shall be communicated to the petitioner within a week thereof.

With the above observations and directions this writ petition is disposed of.

There shall be, however, no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to be admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be furnished to the parties upon compliance of necessary formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh,J)