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W.P.A 22026 of 2023

Shikra Chakdai Seba Sangha
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and others

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Mr. K.C. Das

...for the petitioner.

Mr. Suman Dey
Mr. Arindam Ghosh

...for the State.

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner wants to hold a private Puja but for abundant caution seeks permission for holding the same, since there may be objections from certain quarters, being the relevant authorities.
2. Learned counsel for the State contends that although there is a policy decision of the State that no new Pujas would be permitted to apply online, the concerned sub-Divisional Officer may be furnished with the application and the said authority will consider the same.
3. In such view of the matter, WPA 22026 of 2023 is disposed of by directing the petitioner to make manual, as opposed to online, application before the respondent no.4, for obtaining permission as required to hold the petitioner's Puja.

4. If such application is physically made, it will be considered and disposed of, irrespective of the fact that it is not made on the online portal, by the respondent no.4 and a decision will be taken thereon, within a week from the approach being made by the petitioner.

There will be no order as to costs.

Urgent photostat copies of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)