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Item No.446

**WPA No. 25925 of 2023**  
**M/s Champion Poly Plast & Anr.**  
**Versus**  
**The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. N.I.Khan  
Mr. Amalan Kumar Mukherjee..for the petitioners

Mr. S.N.Mukherjee  
Mr. Niroj Gupta  
Sk. Samim Akhter  
Ms. Afroja Nusrat                      ...for the private respondent

Mr. Pantu Deb Roy  
Mr. Subrata Guha Biswas                      ...for the State

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The memos issued on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 and 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 have been assailed by the writ petitioners in the present writ petition. The memo dated 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 restricts registration of battery operated eco-friendly e-rickshaw in terms of the order passed in Title Suit No.27 of 2018 by learned Additional District Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Court, Alipore on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The said order restrains the authority from registering the battery operated eco-friendly e-rickshaw till disposal of the suit.

The memo dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 allows registration of e-rickshaws manufactured by M/s. Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioners that the battery manufactured by the petitioners is lead cell battery

which is distinct and different from the battery manufactured by the plaintiff in the title suit.

A co-ordinate Bench of this Court, in an order passed on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 in WPA 2070 of 2022, has dealt with a similar issue and has directed the Transport Directorate, Government of West Bengal to instruct the concerned regional transport offices to grant registration to the e-vehicles manufactured by the petitioner therein subject to the said vehicles being different and distinct from the category forming the subject matter of the title suit.

The petitioners claim to be similarly circumstanced with the petitioner in the earlier writ petition since the battery manufactured by them is distinct and different from that of the battery which is the subject matter of the title suit.

The petitioners further submit that Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 has been complied with by them.

It is submitted on behalf of the 6<sup>th</sup> respondent that the 6<sup>th</sup> respondent is holder of a patent in respect of the technology applied for eco-friendly battery operated vehicles and not in respect of any particular battery.

The 6<sup>th</sup> respondent seeks an order in terms of the order passed by the co-ordinate bench on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 in modifying the earlier order passed on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. The order passed on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

was modified to the extent that the registering authority shall be at liberty to consider all the relevant materials with regard to the pending proceedings in Title Suit No.27 of 2018 at the time of registration of the petitioners' e-vehicles.

Learned counsel for the petitioners consent to an order in the present writ petition in terms of the modified order passed by the co-ordinate Bench.

In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of directing the Director, Transport Directorate, Government of West Bengal, being the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent herein, to issue necessary direction upon the concerned regional transport offices to grant registration to the e-vehicles manufactured by the petitioners subject to the said vehicles being different and distinct from the category forming subject matter of the title suit pending before the learned Additional District Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Court, Alipore and also subject to compliance with Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and all other formalities prescribed under the Act/Rules by the petitioners and also upon consideration of relevant documents to be placed by the petitioners before the authority. The registering authority shall be at liberty to consider all relevant material regarding the pending proceedings in the title suit No.27 of 2018 at the time of registration of the petitioners' e-vehicles.

The entire exercise should be completed within two months from the date of communication of this order.

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

However, there shall be 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 supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

**(Suvra Ghosh,J)**