

05.03.2025
Item No.02
Court No.11
Avijit Mitra

WPLRT 27 of 2025

Sri Sahadeb Bar & ors.
- versus -
State of West Bengal & ors.

Mr. M.A. Samad,
Mr. Tahen Ahamed,
Ms. Priyanka sharma.
...for the petitioners

Mr. T.M. Siddiqui, Sr. Adv.,
Ms. Debdooti Dutta,
Mr. S. Adak
...for the State respondents

Mr. A.K. Gayen,
Ms. A.A. Gayen
....for the respondent nos.9, 11,12 & 13

The present writ petition has been preferred praying for expeditious disposal of the original application (hereinafter referred to as OA) being OA 3806 of 2015 (LRTT) as well as the application filed in connection with the said OA being MA 536 of 2024.

Mr. Samad, learned advocate appearing for the petitioners submits that the OA is pending before the learned Tribunal since the year 2015. Even by the last order dated 17th December, 2024, the hearing of the OA and the MA has been deferred and fixed about six months thereafter on 10th June, 2025. Such delay in fixing a date of

hearing is too long in a system where justice is supposed to be swift but deliberate.

Mr. Gayen, learned advocate enters appearance on behalf of the respondent nos. 9, 11, 12 and 13. Let the Vakalatnama, as filed, be kept on record.

Answering our query he submits that no affidavit-in-opposition has yet been filed by the said respondents to the OA and the MA.

Mr. Siddiqui, learned senior advocate enters appearance on behalf of the State respondents.

We have heard the learned advocates appearing for the respective parties and considered the materials on record.

It is for the learned Tribunal to regulate its own procedures in respect of the cases on Board for effective disposal and to ensure that the cases are disposed of within a reasonable period of time.

Records reveal that the OA was filed way back in the year 2015 and such fact ought to have weighed with the learned Tribunal while fixing the next date of hearing in the month of June, 2025.

In the said conspectus, we direct the learned Tribunal to dispose of the OA as well as the connected application, being MA 536 of 2024 on the returnable date or as expeditiously as possible within a period of three months thereafter without granting any unnecessary adjournment to either of the parties.

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

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the learned advocates for the parties.

(Partha Sarathi Chatterjee,J.) (Tapabrata Chakraborty, J.)