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WPA 10537 of 2025

151/CL

Mahabur Gazi & Ors.

13.06.25

v.

Sl-06

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Ct.551

(S.R.)

Mrs. Tanusree Bag

Mr. R. Chatterjee

... for the petitioner.

Mr. Pantu Deb Roy, AGP

Mr. Pannalal Bandopadhyay ... for the State.

The writ petitioner complains that the Regional Transport Authority, South 24 Parganas Region is not accepting the writ petitioner's application for granting new Carriage Permit (Bus) to be plied on Route No.SD-63.

The learned advocate appearing for the State respondents denies that the Regional Transport Authority, South 24 Parganas Region is not accepting the application of the writ petitioner as alleged. It is further submitted that the writ petitioner's allegation that vacancies are available in respect of the said route is wholly unfounded.

Without going into the merits of the controversy, as regards the existence/availability of the vacancies in respect of the relevant route, this Court is of the view that for the present moment an order directing the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, South 24 Parganas Region to accept the writ petitioner's application for grant of permit in respect of Carriage Permit (Bus), if such

application is made and tendered in accordance with law along with the requisite fees, shall serve the ends of justice.

It is, therefore, directed that in case, the writ petitioner makes and tenders an application for grant of permit, as aforesaid, in accordance with law along with requisite fees, the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, South 24 Parganas Region shall accept the same forthwith in accordance with law. The respondent no.2 i.e. the Regional Transport Authority, South 24 Parganas Region shall then consider such application of the writ petitioner and dispose of the same strictly in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of making such application along with requisite fees upon giving the petitioner an opportunity of hearing.

It is needless to mention that the Regional Transport Authority, South 24 Parganas Region shall dispose of the said application by passing a reasoned order within the aforesaid time frame and shall communicate such reasoned order to the writ petitioner within a period of one week from the date of passing thereof.

With the above observations, WPA 10537 of 2025 is disposed of.

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

Urgent certified photocopy of this order, if applied for, be supplied as expeditiously as possible.

(Om Narayan Rai, J.)