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Court No.15
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WPA 16532 of 2025

Rounak Sahu
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and Ors.

Mr. N.I.Khan
Mr. Amlan Kumar Mukherjee
Mr. Dilip Kr. Mandal

....for the petitioner.
Mr. Pantu Deb Roy
Mr. Pradyot Kr. Das
....for the State.

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

The petitioner submits that he applied for an Inter-State Stage Carriage permit for the route from Patratu to Tata via Gola, Jhalda, Balarampur before the State Transport Authority, Government of West Bengal, which was rejected on the ground of no vacancy at the relevant point of time.

The petitioner further submits that one of the permit holders of the said route, Mr. Pradip Kumar Sahu, has passed away, and on account of his death, a vacancy has arisen for the said permit. The petitioner contends that his application ought to be considered against the vacancy created due to the demise of Mr. Pradip Kumar Sahu.

Service upon the legal heirs of Mr. Pradip Kumar Sahu has been returned with the endorsement "refused." Let the postal articles be kept on record.

Learned advocate appearing for the State, on the other hand, submits that steps will be taken to formally notify the vacancy by the State Transport Authority and that unless such vacancy is officially declared, the petitioner's application cannot be considered.

In view of the foregoing, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction upon the State Transport Authority, Government of West Bengal, to take necessary steps for officially declaring the vacancy on account of the death of Mr. Pradip Kumar Sahu.

Thereafter, the State Transport Authority shall take appropriate steps for filling the said vacancy. The Authority shall consider the petitioner's application along with other applications, in accordance with law, for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

The entire exercise shall be completed within three months from the date of communication of this order.

Accordingly, WPA 16532 of 2025 is disposed of.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties in compliance of all legal formalities.

(Kausik Chanda, J.)