

S/L 17
27.11.2025
Court. No. 25
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WPA 23536 of 2025

Rejaul Mondal
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Kaustav Banerjee
Ms. Ria Kundu

...for the petitioner.

Mr. Arindom Chattopadhyay
Ms. Lipika Chatterjee

...for the State.

1. The petitioner is a registered owner of 16 wheels vehicle having registration no. WB19M1382 with the capacity of 47500 kg. The concerned authorities have issued the challan for transportation of sand/river bed materials to the petitioner vide challan no. 11022790/T/25-26/110920254915/PS on September 11, 2025 at 08.48 p.m. and the validity of the said challan is on September 12, 2025 at 08.48 a.m.
2. The petitioner has disclosed the document that is the weight slip of vehicle along with the sand and as per the said document the weight of the vehicle on September 11, 2025 at 20.42 hrs. was 46400 kg. The petitioner also disclosed the document wherein it reveals that DL&LRO, Purba Bardhaman has blocked the challan of the petitioner. He submits that the respondents have blocked the challan of the petitioner without giving any opportunity of hearing and without any notice to the petitioner. He further submit that the petitioner has no knowledge for what reason the challan has been blocked.

3. By an order dated September 26, 2025 this Court has given liberty to the petitioner to approach the District Land and Land Reforms Officer to ascertain with regard to the blockage of the e-challan of the petitioner and accordingly the petitioner has approached the DL&LRO but in spite of receipt of the request made by the petitioner no communication has been made to the petitioner. He submits that till date the petitioner has no knowledge under what circumstances the e-challan of the vehicle of the petitioner has been blocked.
4. Learned counsel appearing for the State has handed over an unreported judgment passed by this Court in the case of ***Shri Jahir Ahmed Khan @ Jahir Khan & Anr. vs. The State of West Bengal & Ors.*** passed in ***WPA 8917 of 2025*** dated September 12, 2025 and submits that if the similar order is passed the authority will take appropriate steps in accordance with law.
5. Considering the above, this Court finds that the respondents/authorities have blocked the e-challan of the petitioner without giving any opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and without passing any reasoned order. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondent no. 3 to consider the case of the petitioner within a period of two working weeks from the date of communication of this order. Within the period of two working weeks, the Additional District Magistrate and District Land and Land Reforms Officer, Purba Bardhaman shall afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and to pass a reasoned and speaking order

strictly in accordance with law after considering the contention of the petitioner.

6. It is clarified that, if the Additional District Magistrate and District Land and Land Reforms Officer, Purba Bardhaman is not satisfied with the writ petitioner's submission the authorities shall free to continue the blocking of e-challan facilities in respect of the petitioner's vehicle or to impose fine upon the petitioner as may be permissible in law. In the meantime, till passing of the order by the respondent no. 3, the e-challan with respect of the vehicle of the petitioner be unblocked.
7. WPA 23536 of 2025 is disposed of.
8. Urgent Xerox certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance of all necessary formalities.

(Krishna Rao, J.)