

24.03.2026

Ct. no.10

Sl.No. 04

b.r.

WPA 14096 of 2025

Mohiuddin Ansari

Vs.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sattwik Bhattacharyya
Mr. Aashutosh Bhattacharyya
Mr. Titas Neogi
Mr. Aritra Roy
Ms. Reshma Sharma
.... For the petitioner.

Mr. Pantu Deb Roy, Ld. AGP
Mr. Subrata Guha Biswas
..... for the State.

- 1.** Heard the learned counsels appearing for the respective parties.
- 2.** Supplementary affidavit filed by the petitioner as directed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court on 16.07.2025, is kept with the record.
- 3.** The petitioner in the instant case applied for a permit for the inter-State route from Kuilapal to Tata via Bandwan and Kating-Patamda. The petitioner made an application for the grant of such permit on March 25, 2025, and the same remains pending for consideration.
- 4.** The State-respondents have filed a report of the Secretary, State Transport Authority,

West Bengal, dated July 9, 2025, from which it appears that no such route exists in the reciprocal agreement executed between the State of West Bengal and the State of Jharkhand in the year 2004, and that, there is also no valid notification or decision of the STA Board of the respective States in respect of the route mentioned by the petitioner.

- 5.** It is further submitted that, for the formulation of a new route, a new agreement has to be entered into by both the States, since it is not a notified route.
- 6.** In this context, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the route has earlier been notified in the year 1976, and has been subsequently de-notified; however, it has not been re-notified by the Transport Department to date, for reasons known to them.
- 7.** Learned counsel for the State submits that, as there is no existing transport agreement executed by the State for the route, the petitioner's application for the grant of a permit in respect of the route in question cannot be entertained.
- 8.** After careful consideration of the case and upon perusal of the materials available on

record, I direct Respondent No. 2 to consider the application dated **March 25, 2025** (**Annexure P-5, pages 22 to 24** of the writ petition) within a period of **ten weeks**, and to pass a reasoned order in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and any other stakeholders, and to communicate such decision within one week thereafter.

9. With the above observations and directions, the writ petition, **WPA 14096 of 2025** stands ***disposed of*** without going into the merits of the case.
10. Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be furnished expeditiously.

(Smita Das De, J.)