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Court No.2
Item No.6
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WPA 30363 of 2026

Jharna Mandal & Ors.
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. N. I. Khan
Mr. Dilip Kr. Mandal
...for the petitioners

Mr. Samrat Mukherjee
Ms. Sabita Roy
...for the State

1. Affidavit of service filed. Let it be taken on record.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the Regional Transport Authority, South 24 Parganas, Alipore, has not accepted the application for grant of contract carriage permit (Auto Rickshaw) in view of the notice dated 27th June, 2024. Learned counsel submits that the applications are not being accepted despite the vacancies being there.

3. Learned counsel for the State though denies the same but submits that if the applications are moved in accordance with law and after completion of all formalities, the same shall be considered.

4. In view of the submissions of the learned counsel for the State, learned counsel for the petitioners states that an appropriate order may be passed.

5. Therefore, in view of the submissions made by the parties, without going into the merits of the case, this Court directs that in case there are existence / availability of vacancies in respect of the relevant route, the Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, South 24 Parganas, may accept the application for grant of permit in respect of contract carriage permit (auto rickshaw), if such applications are made in accordance with law along with the requisite fee and all other formalities.

6. The Secretary, Regional Transport Authority, South 24 Parganas, shall consider and decide the applications in accordance with law expeditiously preferably within eight weeks from the date of making of such applications along with requisite fee. The decision shall be communicated within two weeks from the date of such decision.

7. Since affidavit-in-opposition has not been filed, the averments made in the writ petition are not deemed to have been admitted.

8. In view of the above direction the present writ petition stands disposed of.

9. All parties shall act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Dinesh Kumar Sharma, J.)