

Act VIII Case No. 86 of 2023

Order No. 17 dated 31.08.2024

Date is fixed for filing affidavits and hearing of the application u/s 10 of the Guardian & Wards Act, 1890 made by the mother/petitioner namely Smt. Mousumi Kundu nee Bhar.

She has made the said application in respect of her minor son Shinay Kundu.

The case is contested by O.P./father Sri Sankar Kundu.

It is mention-worthy that the son is presently living in the custody of the father/O.P. The application for interim custody of the minor was filed by the mother on 31.08.2023 against which the O.P./father has filed his written objection on 16.12.2023.

Ld. advocates for both sides have been heard.

It may be noted that the parties have been trying to patch up the differences and such a move is to be encouraged.

This Court is of the view that the matter may be referred for mediation to help the parties to arrive at a decision regarding the child keeping in mind the question of welfare of the minor.

Let the matter be referred for mediation and the record be sent to the DLSA, Chinsurah at once. It is made clear that such mediation process will have to be concluded positively by or before **11.11.2024** and with the report of the ld. Mediator the record will have to be placed before this Court on said date.

Parties are requested to make attempt sincerely to resolve the disputes.

Fix **11.11.2024** for further order.

D/C by me,

D.J.

District Judge, Hooghly.