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Sl. No.5(DL)
Ct. No.39
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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE**

W.P.A. No. 298 of 2025

Manirul Sardar

Versus

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Surajit Samanta,
Ms. Sohini Samanta,
Ms. Aparajita Bhowmick

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Lalit Mohan Mahata,
Mr. Prasanta Behari Mahata

...for the State-respondents.

Mr. Tapash Kumar Mondal

...for the South 24-Parganas
Zilla Parishad.

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

This writ petition is filed seeking direction upon
the respondent No.3 to initiate fresh tender process for
Ramchandrakhali Ferry Ghat, South 24-Parganas for
the period commencing from 1st November, 2024
onwards and for quashing or setting aside notifications
allowing illegal operators to operate the said ferry ghat
after 31st October, 2024.

Mr. Surajit Samanta, learned Advocate appearing
for the petitioner submits that the term of the holder of
said ferry ghat has expired on 31st October, 2024.
However, despite such expiry, no auction of the said
ferry ghat has been held by the South 24-Parganas

Zilla Parishad till date. He also indicates that other ferry ghats whose term has expired on 31st October, 2024 has already been put to auction. Since no steps have been taken in respect of the ferry ghat in question for auction, hence this writ petition.

Mr. Lalit Mohan Mahata, learned Additional Government Pleader also submits that after such expiry of the period of holding the ferry ghat, auction has to be held which is mandatory.

Mr. Tapash Kumar Mondal, learned Advocate appearing for the South 24-Parganas Zilla Parishad submits that the said ferry ghat has been transferred to the panchayat samiti by the resolution of the Zilla Parishad. He seeks to furnish a report.

Let such report be filed by the South 24-Parganas Zilla Parishad annexing a copy of the resolution on the returnable date.

List this matter on 28th March, 2025 under the heading “**Motion**” at the **Top**.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)