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Item No.43

WPA No. 298 of 2025
Manirul Sardar
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Surajit Samanta
Ms. Sohini Samanta ..for the petitioner

Mr. Lalit Mohan Mahata
Mr. Prasanta Behari Mahata ..for the State

Ms. Pampa Dey Dhabal
Mr. Pritam Sarkar ...for the respondent no.5

Mr. Tapas Kumar Mondal
Mr. Partha Sarathi Basu
..for the Zilla Parishad, 24 Parganas (S)

Supplementary affidavit filed by the petitioner and report submitted by the State are taken on record.

It appears that the ferry in question being Ramchandrankhali ferry ghat was transferred to the Panchayat Samity by the Zilla Parishad along with three other ferry ghats in terms of Section 159 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act. Learned counsel for the petitioner takes this Court to a resolution of the Zilla Parishad taken on August 20, 2025 which demonstrates that the ferry ghats which were transferred to the Panchayat Samity would be taken back by the Zilla Parishad. In view of the present writ petition pertaining to Ramchandrankhali Ferry Ghat, no step would be taken in respect of the same.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since the Zilla Parishad has decided to take back the ferry ghats from the Panchayat Samity, any auction held by the Panchayat Samity in respect of the ferry ghat in question cannot sustain.

Per contra, learned counsel for the respondent no. 5 submits that pursuant to the tender floated in respect of the said ferry ghat, this respondent has been operating the same under the Panchayat Samity.

Learned counsel Zilla Parishad seeks to submit documents by way of an affidavit to indicate the reasons assigned by the Zilla Parishad for taking back the ferry ghats.

Let this matter appear under the same heading on March 31, 2026.

(Suvra Ghosh,J)