

15.05.2025
SI No.11
Court No.8
(gc)

**WPA (P) 31 of 2021
CAN 1 of 2022
CAN 2 of 2022
CAN 3 of 2022
CAN 4 of 2023 (not in file)**

**Ashis Mandal & Anr.
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Bikram Banerjee,
Mr. Sudipta Dasgupta,
Mr. Sutirtha Nayek
...for the Petitioners.

Mr. Tapan Kumar Mukherjee, Sr. Adv.,
Mr. Shamim ul Bari,
Mr. Somnath Naskar
...for the State.

Mr. Satish Kumar Verma,
Mr. Deepnath Roy Chowdhury,
Mr. Ovik Sengupta,
Mr. Vijay Verma,
Mr. Asis Dutta
...for the Respondent Nos.3, 4 & 5.

Mr. Srijan Nayak,
Ms. Rituparna Maitra
...for the W.B.C.S.C.

Mr. Anindya Lahiri, Sr. Adv.,
Mr. Ravi Kumar Dubey,
Mr. Anish Chakraborty,
Mr. Nilanjan Adhikari
...for the Respondent No.27.

Mr. Ankit Sureka,
Mr. Biplob Das
...for the Respondent No.62.

1. All the respondents shall file a composite affidavit dealing with the writ petition as well as the supplementary affidavit on or before 30th June, 2025 without prejudice to their rights and contentions that this petition is not maintainable and cannot be treated to be a public interest litigation.

2. Reply thereto, if any, shall be filed by 21st July, 2025.
3. The learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent no.62 has urged that the respondent no.3 is not amenable to writ jurisdiction as it is not a State or other authority within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution of India.
4. Mr. Anindya Lahiri, learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent no.27 has also urged similar point including the ground of delay in filing the public interest litigation.
5. The matter shall be listed on **24th July, 2025**.

(Soumen Sen, J.)

(Smita Das De, J.)