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**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE**

WPA 8594 of 2021

With

CAN 1 of 2022

Bholanath Das

-Vs-

Indian Oil Corporation Limited & Ors.

Mr. Rachit Lakmani,
Mr. R. N. Bandyopadhyay

... for the petitioner

Mr. Subhrendu Halder

... for the respondent nos. 1 to 6

Mr. Sourav Kumar Mukherjee,
Mr. Koushik Chowdhury,
Ms. Soumoyadipa Kanu

... for the respondent no. 7

Mr. Rachit Lakmani, learned advocate for the petitioner submits that the licence for petroleum dealership of the petitioner has been terminated by the IOC-respondent nos. 1 to 6 on the basis of the prosecution being initiated against the petitioner at the instance of the respondent no. 7. Though by interim order passed by the learned Single Judge, such termination was stayed but the said interim order was set aside by the Hon'ble Division Bench in *MAT 690 of 2023*. Challenging the order passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench, the petitioner preferred a *Special Leave*

to Appeal being No(s). 23081 of 2023 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in which the parties were directed to maintain *status quo* till disposal of the writ petition as on today. He seeks for expeditious disposal of the writ petition.

Mr. Sourav Kumar Mukherjee, learned advocate for respondent no.7 submits that since no notice of mentioning was served, hence he is not aware of today's hearing. He seeks accommodation.

On submission of learned advocate for respective parties, let the matter appear under the heading "**Hearing (Group-VIII)**" on 21st December, 2023 at the top.

(**Bivas Pattanayak, J.**)