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SL No.29
Court No.24
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WPA 10084 of 2025

**Shiba Pada Ghosh & Anr.
Versus
State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Ms. Nibedita Pal,
Mr. Ananda Gopal Mukherjee,
Ms. Sonam Roy,
Ms. Nasrin Khatoon

...for the petitioners.

Ms. Sonal Sinha, Ld. A.G.P.
Ms. Rajyashree Mukherjee,

.....for the State.

The petitioners are running a fair price shop at village and Post Office Harishpur, Kotwali Police Station, under District-Paschim Medinipur.

Initially, petitioners approached this Court challenging the order passed by concerned Director, DDP&S vide memo dated 11th February, 2022 as well as 28th of March, 2023 wherein the minimum DRCs population to be retained by the existing FPS alleged to have been fixed by the concerned Director, DDP&S flouting the previous guideline of the State dated September 3, 2021.

A Coordinate Bench of this Court in WPA No. 1337 of 2023 has passed an interim order vide its order dated 24th of January, 2023. Now the respondent authority has issued a vacancy notification vide memo No.

1330/SCFS/MDN(S)/2024 dated 20th November, 2024 in respect of areas where the present petitioner is catering the business. The petitioners challenged the jurisdiction of concerned Director, DDP&S to pass such an order of minimum DRCs population to be retained one FPS dealer.

Having heard the learned counsel for the parties also considering the nature of the disputes and issues; it appears that in the similar nature of writ petitions were filed by different petitioners where this Court directed the concerned authority to submit a detailed report regarding justification of concerned Director, DDP&S to issue such orders alleged to have been flouting the order of State regarding guideline for rationalization of ration card population of FPS vide their memo dated 3rd September, 2021.

Accordingly, the State respondent is directed to submit a detailed report containing the justification of Director, DDP&S to issue such an order. The report shall place in the record within three weeks from date. Reply/exception, if any, be filed by the petitioner within two weeks thereafter.

List the matter in the 1st week of August, 2025.

As the issues involved in the instant writ petition is nearly similar to that of the writ petition

being No. 1337 of 2023 filed by the same petitioner, I think it necessary to tag both the writ petitions.

Let the writ petition being WPA No. 1337 of 2023 be tagged with the instant writ petition.

(Subhendu Samanta, J.)