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09.06.2026
Court. No. 25
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WPA 12340 of 2026
With
WPA 12345 of 2026

Innovicts Transporters Private Limited & Anr.
Vs.
Eastern Coalfields Limited & Ors.

Mr. Kishore Datta, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Rajarshi Datta
Mr. Neelesh Choudhury
Ms. Anuradha Poddar

...for the petitioners.

Mr. S. Dasgupta
Mr. Sarbojit Choudhuri
Mr. Pradipta Basu
Mr. Nilankan Banerjee

...for E.C.L.

1. The affidavit-of-service filed by the petitioners be kept with the record.
2. The only question in the present writ applications whether in between 12.30 p.m. and 1.40 p.m. on May 28, 2026 the GeM portal automatically logged out due to which the petitioners could not able to submit the technical bid document in respect of the tender-in-question.
3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent authorities submits that this is to be answered only by the GeM portal.
4. The petitioners have filed the affidavit-of-service after serving notice upon the GeM authorities but none appears on behalf of the GeM authorities.
5. This Court finds that a report from GeM authorities is required to ascertain whether in between 12.30 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. the GeM portal was automatically logged out in

connection with the system of the petitioners on May 28, 2026 due to which the petitioners could not submit technical bid document.

6. Accordingly, the respondent nos. 2 and 4 are directed to submit the report before this Court on June 12, 2026.
7. The respondent authorities are directed to maintain *status quo* as on date with regard to the tender process of the instant matters till the next date of hearing.
8. List the matters on June 12, 2026 under the same heading within three matters.
9. The petitioners as well as the respondents are directed to communicate this order to the GeM for compliance.

(Krishna Rao, J.)