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Saikat
Mukherjee

WPA(P)/386/2022

DHRUBA SAHA

VS.

STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.

WITH

WPA(P)/3197/2023

SANJIB MALLICK

VS.

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

WITH

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ARINDAM BHANJA

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[in WPA(P)/386/2022]

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Dictated by **Sujoy Paul, CJ.**

1. Parties are represented through their respective learned counsel.
2. The hearing commenced.
3. During the course of hearing two-fold prayers/submissions were made by Shri Lahiri, learned senior counsel, namely, (i) the manual mode of payment at checkpoint should be stopped forthwith to ensure transparency and accountability and in lieu thereof digital mode of payment be introduced and implemented. (ii) the persons who are responsible for issuing fake receipts and collecting money therefrom be booked and taken to task in criminal proceedings.
4. Shri Chatterjee, learned counsel appearing in two matters, submits that appropriate criminal action be taken against such persons who are issuing fake receipts and C.B.I. may be directed to take appropriate punitive action against them.
5. First, we deem it proper to seek response from the Government on the question whether all such checkpoints can forthwith be directed to operate through digital mode and amount of compounding etc. be collected through digital

mode only. How much time will be required is a question needs to be answered by the State.

6. Secondly, State needs to apprise us about the nature of criminal action taken and the stage of the said action. For this purpose, the Investigating Officers of Rampurhat P.S. Case No.41/2023 dated 10th February, 2023, and Nalhati P.S. Case No.40/2023 dated 10th February, 2023, shall be directed to remain present along with relevant Case Diary.
7. At present, the matter be listed on 1st April, 2026, at 02:00 p.m. under the caption 'Part-Heard Matters', only on the question of feasibilities to switch over digital form of payment of compounding fee.
8. The date and time of presence of the Investigating Officers with the Case Diary shall be decided on the next date of hearing.

(SUJOY PAUL, CJ.)

(PARTHA SARATHI SEN, J.)