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Ct. No. 10
Sl. No. 07
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WPA 29165 of 2025

Md. Sahabuddin
-Versus-
State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Debabrata Saha Roy
Mr. Pingal Bhattacharyya
Mr. Subhankar Das

... for the petitioner

Mr. Prasenjit Mukherjee
Mr. Ziaul Haque

... for respondent no. 6

Mr. Nikunj Berlia, Id. AGP
Mr. Bijitesh Mukherjee
Mr. Ram Chandra Agarwal

... for respondent State

1. Despite service the State respondent remains unrepresented.
2. Mrs. Manju Agarwal, Additional Government Pleader and Mr. Bijitesh Mukherjee, learned advocates are engaged in this matter. Their appearances be accordingly regularized from the office of the Legal Remembrancer.
3. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner seeks extension of the interim order dated 25.3.2026. Since the records were not traceable by the Department, the matters could not be listed before this Court on earlier occasions. Due to the laches of the Department, the petitioner's interest shall not be prejudiced.

4. It is a settled principle of law that a litigant cannot be made to suffer for the fault or laches of the Department or the Court's registry.
5. For the ends of justice, the interim order requires extension. Let the interim order be further extended till 30.9.2026 or until further order whichever is earlier.
6. List the matter on 14.9.2026.
7. In the meantime, parties are directed to file and exchange their affidavits.
8. Petitioner is directed to serve a copy of the writ petition upon Mr. Bijitesh Mukherjee, learned Junior Govt. Pleader.

(Smita Das De, J.)