

14.01.2026
Item No.18
Court No. 10
AGM

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA

Civil Appellate Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

W.P.A. 29776 of 2025

Janata Deheri

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. S. Mondal.
Mr. S. G. Dhara.

... For the petitioners.

Mr. Vivekananda Bose.
Mr. Ritesh Kumar Ganguly.

... For the State.

1. The petitioner is the wife of a deceased licensed Fair Price Shop dealer.
2. The petitioner made a representation for granting of a license of Fair Price Shop dealership in favour of the petitioner on compassionate ground but the same was rejected on 11.11.2020, which is reproduced below:

“With reference to the subject noted above this is to inform you that Aditya Dehari did not possess any valid EPS Licence beyond 31.12.2013 and the service area has been tagged with nearest FPS Dealer Chandi Charan Kundu.

So your application dated 9.11.2020 for FPS Dealership Licence for compassionate ground is hereby considered and rejected.”

3. A further representation was made on 13.12.2025 to re-consider his earlier application dated 9.11.2020 for FPS Dealer licence on compassionate ground but the same remains pending for consideration.
4. The petitioner submits that the licence was granted to the deceased licensee Fair Price Shop Dealer which remained valid upto 31.12.2014 but the decision of

the respondent authority runs contrary to the fact that the petitioner did not possess a valid FPS license beyond 31.12.2023.

5. The State respondents submits that since the licence remained valid till 31.12.2013, the petitioner's prayer for the grant of licence on compassionate ground could not be entertained.
6. The respondent no. 5 is directed to file a report in the form of an affidavit within a period of three weeks and exception, if any, be filed two weeks thereafter.
7. Let this matter be fixed for further hearing on 25th February, 2026.

[Smita Das De, J]