

WPA 36768 of 2013
IA No. CAN 1/2021

Utpal Kumar Biswas
Vs.
Union of India & Ors.

Mr. Achin Kumar Majumder
...for the Petitioner

Ms. Aparna Banerjee
..for the Respondent

The application being CAN 1 of 2021 is taken out by the petitioner for extension of interim order passed by a coordinate Bench on the writ petition on 5th March, 2019 whereby interim order was directed to continue for a period of 2 (two) weeks. Subsequently, the said interim order passed on 5th March, 2019 was time to time extended and which existed till 31st March, 2020. Petitioner by filing this application has prayed for extension of the said interim order.

Said application is heard in presence of the learned advocates representing the petitioner as well as the railway authority being the principal respondent.

During course of hearing Mr. Achin Kumar Majumder, learned advocate representing the petitioner has relied upon the order passed by the Special Bench on writ petition being WPA 5323 of 2020 in view of COVID-19 pandemic and it has been submitted that

interim order existed till 28th February, 2022 during the pandemic period.

Considering such submission being made on behalf of the petitioner and in view of the fact that the present application seeking extension of interim order was filed on 30th April, 2021 this Court finds it proper to extend the interim order initially passed on 5th March, 2019 for a limited period.

Ms. Aparna Banerjee, learned advocate is representing the railway authority and has prayed for early hearing of the writ petition since the affidavits in connection with the writ petition have already been exchanged amongst the parties.

Accordingly, the interim order initially passed on 5th March, 2019 stands extended till 30th September, 2022 or until further order whichever is earlier.

List the writ petition under the heading “Hearing” on 1st August, 2022.

The application being CAN 1 of 2021 stands disposed of.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)