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Ct. No.446
SL. No.61
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C.R.A. 503 of 1990

Krishna Kumar Paul
-Vs.-
The State of West Bengal

The instant matter is of the year 1990 and has been preferred challenging the judgment and order of conviction dated 17th November, 1990 passed by the learned Judge, Special Court (E.C. Act), Silliguri, District-Darjeeling convicting the appellant under section 7(1) (a)(ii) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955

None appears on behalf of the appellant as well as the State respondent. However, it appears from record that Ms. Faria Hossain and Ms. Debjani Sahu, learned advocates appeared earlier on behalf of the State. In this case a direction was also given by a coordinate Bench to issue administrative notice upon the appellant and accordingly, notice was sent to the appellant.

Today also none appears on behalf of the appellant.

Since the Essential Commodities Act has been repealed, this Court is to pass appropriate order. In view of the fact more than 34 years have already elapsed, Mr. Soham Banerjee, learned advocate is appointed as *amicus curiae* to represent the appellant for proper adjudication of this matter. His appointment be regularised by the Member Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, Calcutta.

The department is directed to provide all the necessary papers and documents to the learned *amicus curiae* to enable him assist this Court properly.



Learned Public Prosecutor, High Court at Calcutta is directed to inform the learned advocates so appoint to represent the State before this Court on the next hearing date.

Let the matter appear in the monthly list of September, 2025.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the office of the learned Public Prosecutor, High Court at Calcutta by the department to take necessary steps.

Let a copy of this order also be sent to the Member Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, Calcutta.

(Chaitali Chatterjee (Das), J.)