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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

WPA 487 of 2026

M/s. Damodar Ropeways & Infra Limited
Versus
State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Mainak Bose, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Ajoy Kumar Singhanian, Advocate
Ms. Ranita Jana, Advocate

... For the petitioner

Mr. Nabankur Paul, Advocate
Mr. Pradip Sarkar, Advocate

... For the State

Ms. Supriya Singh, Advocate

...For the GTA

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today be taken on record.
2. Challenging the order dated 17th June, 2025, the present writ petition has been filed.
3. Mr. Bose, learned senior Advocate representing the petitioner would submit that the petitioner had participated in a tender process captioned RFP for completion of construction, Operation Maintenance and Transfer of passenger ropeway from Giddha Pahar to Rohini Tourist Complex with allied amenities at Kurseong, Pool and Transport Department, GTA, Darjeeling and was declared to be a H1 bidder with a bid value of approximately 85 crores. The only other bidder

had offered Rs.4.2 crore. This tender process has been set at naught by a cryptic order dated 7th June, 2025 by holding that the same is cancelled due to administrative reasons.

4. Prima facie, the aforesaid appears to be arbitrary. The matter has proceeded thereafter and a further e-quotation has been invited vide a notice dated 25th February, 2026. It is only thereafter the petitioner has approached this Court.
5. Ms. Singh, learned Advocate appears for the GTA.
6. Heard the learned Advocates appearing for the respective parties.
7. Noting that the petitioner had already been declared as H1 and without assigning any reason the same has been cancelled and a fresh tender has been issued, I am of the view that Ms. Singh should take appropriate instructions in the matter and may file a report. Since, Ms. Singh would submit that the subsequent tender has not yet been finalized, I am of the view that the same should not be finalized till such time the matter is taken up next.
8. List this matter under the heading "Motion" on 16th April, 2026 for further consideration.

(Raja Basu Chowdhury, J.)