

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Criminal Revisional Jurisdiction
C.R.R. 50 of 2023**

**In re: Karan Singh
Re: An application under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure**

Mr. Arnab Sen Gupta
Mr. Rajesh Kumar Sharma
Mr. Janardan Periwai
.... For the Petitioner
Mr. Aditi Shankar Chakraborty
Mr. Sourav Ganguly
.... For the State

On prayer of the petitioner liberty is granted to implead Range Officer, Ghoshpukur Range, Kurseong Forest Division as opposite party no. 2 in the application. Cause title of the application be amended accordingly.

Since opposite party no. 2 is represented, service of further notice upon the said opposite party is dispensed with.

Report submitted on behalf of the opposite party is taken on record.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner claims to be the registered owner of the truck bearing registration no. HR 69 C3190 which was seized in connection with CR case no. 350 of 2019 dated 14th May, 2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the vehicle carrying forest produce (timber) was seized despite possessing transit pass issued by the Nagaland Forest Department on 21st June, 2019. The petitioner submitted a representation before the concerned authority on 25th January, 2022 seeking release of his vehicle which is yet to be considered.

The petitioner prays for a direction upon the authority to consider the representation in terms of The West Bengal Forest Produce Transit Rules, 2019 which came into effect on 31st May, 2019 and release the vehicle at the earliest.

Learned counsel for the opposite parties submits that the Range Officer, Ghoshpukur Range, Kurseong Forest Division be directed to consider the representation in accordance with law.

In view of the above, the application being CRR 50 of 2023 is disposed of directing the Range Officer, Ghoshpukur Range, Kurseong Forest Division, being O.P. no. 2 herein, to consider and dispose of the representation submitted by the petitioner dated 25th January, 2022 in terms of the The West Bengal Forest Produce Transit Rule, 2019 within one month from the date of communication of this order upon affording reasonable opportunity of hearing to all concerned including the petitioner, in accordance with law.

The decision taken by the authority shall be communicated to the petitioner within a week thereof.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be furnished to the parties upon compliance of necessary formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)