

**Calcutta High Court
In the Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Appellate Side**

WPA 1530 of 2023

**Terai Tea Company Limited and Anr.
-versus-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Bikramaditya Ghosh,
Ms. Supriya Singh
Mr. Sitesh Kumar Gupta
... for the petitioner.

Mr. Subir Kumar Saha, AGP.
Mr. Momenur Rahman
... for the State.

Mr. Akash Munshi
.... For the respondent no. 4 to 6

Mr. Pappu Adhikary
Mr. Debajit Kundu
.... For the respondent no. 10.

In this matter affidavit was directed to be filed on 31st July 2023. Affidavit-in-opposition was directed to be filed within three weeks from that date. Affidavit-in-reply to be filed within a week thereafter.

The matter appeared before the Circuit Bench again on 28th August, 2023 when the time to file affidavit-in-opposition on behalf of the respondent nos. 6 to 8 was peremptorily extended till 18th September, 2023. The State-respondents were present on that date, but did not pray for extension of time to file affidavit-in-opposition.

No affidavit-in-opposition has been filed either by the state respondents or respondent nos. 6 to 8 or on behalf of the respondent nos. 9 and 10.

On behalf of the petitioners it is submitted that an affidavit on behalf of the respondent nos. 6, 7 and 8 has been served on the learned advocate for the petitioners but the same does not appear to be on record.

On behalf of the respondent no. 1, 2 and 3 although no extension of time was prayed on 28th August, 2023, but today an extension is sought for.

Considering the long delay only for the ends of justice, a limited time period is granted to the respondents to file their respective affidavit-in-opposition.

Let the affidavit-in-opposition be filed on or before 24th May, 2024.

Let this matter be placed in the list on 24th May, 2024 under the heading "To be Mentioned".

(Arindam Mukherjee, J.)