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ORDER SHEET

WPO 462 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA  
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION  
ORIGINAL SIDE

REKHA MUKHERJEE & ANR.

VS.

INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY, WEST BENGAL STATE BRANCH & ANR.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble JUSTICE SAUGATA BHATTACHARYYA

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

*Appearance:*

*Mr. Malay Kumar Das, Adv.*

*Mr. Sourav Chatterjee, Adv.*

*. . . for the petitioners.*

1. During course of hearing, question crops up whether the Government has sufficient financial and administrative control over the Indian Red Cross Society, West Bengal State Branch or not.
2. These facts are relevant in order to find out whether Indian Red Cross Society, West Bengal State Branch comes under the expression "other authorities" as used in Article 12 of the Constitution of India.
3. Learned advocate representing petitioners prays for accommodation to file supplementary affidavit in order to demonstrate that respondent no.1 Society is financially and administratively controlled by Government.
4. Let such supplementary affidavit be filed by a fortnight from date.

5. In spite of repeated service, since the respondents are not represented, department is directed to issue administrative notice upon the respondent nos. 1 and 2 enclosing copy of this order by ten days from date and file a report on the next date.
6. List the matter under the same heading in the monthly combined list of February, 2026.

(SAUGATA BHATTACHARYYA, J.)

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