

WPO/479/2019  
IA No.GA/1/2020 (Old No.GA/292/2020)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA  
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction  
ORIGINAL SIDE

SEWARAM PANDEY AND ORS.

-Versus-

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

BEFORE:

The Hon'ble CHIEF JUSTICE THOTTATHIL B. RADHAKRISHNAN

The Hon'ble JUSTICE ARIJIT BANERJEE

Date : 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.

**(Via Video Conference)**

Appearance:

*Mr. Arindam Banerjee, Adv.*

*Ms. Arpita Saha, Adv.*

*Mr. Ashis Kumar Mukherjee, Adv.*

*Mr. Saurabh Prasad, Adv.*

*...for petitioners.*

*Mr. Partha Ghosh, Adv.*

*Mr. Sunil Singhania, Adv.*

*...for the respondent nos.1, 3 & 5.*

*Mr. Priyankar Saha, Adv.*

*Mr. Amritam Mandal, Adv.*

*...for the respondent no.4.*

*Mr. Swati Agarwal, Adv.*

*...for the respondent nos.6 & 7.*

The Court : We have considered the materials on record.  
Learned Counsel appearing for the respondent nos.6 and 7 seeks  
four weeks' adjournment to place affidavit-in-opposition to this  
writ petition. Let that be done.

However, having regard to the materials on record  
including the stand of the Shipping Corporation of India and the

Director General of Shipping, who controls the affairs of the fifth respondent Seafarers' Welfare Fund Society, we are of the view that a strong prima facie case that the sixth respondent is not carrying out its activities in a transparent manner, is demonstrated to our satisfaction. Hence, we direct that the activities of the sixth respondent, in whatsoever manner it may be, including banking and other transactions will stand restrained for a period of six weeks awaiting the affidavit-in-opposition that may be filed by the sixth respondent to the writ petition.

Let this order be communicated by the Registry of this Court to the respondent nos.1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. It will be open to any of them to bring this order to the notice of the authorities dealing with any activity in which the sixth respondent is indulging, including in the commercial and banking sectors.

We adjourn the matter for four weeks (26.03.2021).

(THOTTATHIL B. RADHAKRISHNAN, CJ.)

(ARIJIT BANERJEE, J.)