

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
[CIRCUIT BENCH AT PORT BLAIR]

WPA/126/2026

Smt. Krishna Halder and another

Vs

The Lt. Governor and others

Mr. Adarsh Ilango ... for the petitioner

Mr. Rakesh Kumar ... for the respondents

March 18, 2026
[AKB]
Item No.5

1. This writ petition is filed by the petitioners being appointed as Daily Rated Mazdoors on different dates by the respondent authorities on ground that the respondent authorities are trying to disengage the petitioners arbitrarily by 31.03.2026 and to engage fresh recruits in their place in accordance with the draft vacancy notice published.
2. It is further submitted that the tentative date of submission of the online application mentioned therein from 15.02.2026 to 31.03.2026. In this regard he relied upon the decision of the Coordinate Bench in WPA/114/2025 (Shri Sanjit Bage @ Sanjit Kumar Bage and others vs The Lieutenant Governor and others).
3. The learned advocate representing the respondents raises the point of maintainability of the writ petition and relied upon the decision of the Coordinate Bench in WPA/186/2025 (Shri. Sushanta Paramanick and others vs The Lieutenant Governor and others) dated July 07, 2025.

4. Affidavit-in-opposition within a period of two weeks from date and affidavit-in-reply, if any, thereto be filed within a period of one week thereafter.
5. The point of maintainability is kept open.
6. Matter be listed before the next available Circuit Bench under the heading 'Motion'.
7. Liberty is given to the petitioner to pray for stay if the situation so arises.

(Chaitali Chatterjee (Das), J.)