

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

WPA/184/2026

Shri Alexis Ekka

Vs.

The Superintending Engineer and Ors.

Mr.Siddhartha Singha ... for the petitioner

Ms. Dipaniwta Halder ... for the respondents

July 30, 2026
[SR]
Item No.6

1. Despite three extensions for filing of affidavit-in-opposition, the respondents have not filed the same.
2. It appears from the facts that the petitioner was an accused in FIR under the POCSO Act. He was initially arrested and enlarged on bail. The initial condition for bail not to leave the Sri Vijaya Puram was stated to have relaxed and the travel restriction was withdrawn by the competent court.
3. The petitioner, who was on 1/30th pay DRM, attached to the Office of the Assistant Engineer (E&M), CD-I, APWD, Kamorta, could not attend to his service in view of his detention in connection with the aforesaid criminal proceedings.
4. Considering the fact that the petitioner is very poor and unemployed, subject to the petitioner producing the order of relaxation condition of bail against travel outside the Sri Vijaya Puram, the Office of the Assistant Engineer (E&M), may continue to engage him in service in the manner as he was

working earlier. This order is an interim measure and subject to the result of the criminal proceeding against the petitioner.

5. The aforesaid order is passed in view of the note dated 07.05.2025 issued by the Assistant Engineer (E&M), Construction Division, APWD, Kamorta.

6. Time to file affidavit-in-opposition to the writ petition is extended by a period of two weeks from date. Reply thereto, if any, be filed within a week thereafter.

7. Liberty to mention after pleadings are complete.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)