



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

WP.CT/23/2026

Doordarshan Program Professionals Association and another

Vs.

Union of India and others

Mr. S. Samanta

Mr. Veedur Narayan

... for the petitioners

Mr. V.D.Sivabalan

... for the respondents

April 23, 2026

[SR]

Item No.6

1. At the outset, learned counsel appearing for the respondents submits that due to paucity of time and sufficient notice having not been given to the respondents, the respondent no.1 did not have the time to prepare a reply. It is clarified that only yesterday, a copy of the writ petition was received by the respondents.

2. However, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that not only notice has been given in the matter to the respondents, but the prayer made is limited, to the extent that the Tribunal be directed to hear out a contempt application pending since long before the said Tribunal. It is further submitted that despite the specific directions of the Tribunal, the respondents have been flouting the same, prompting the petitioners to file the contempt application. It is further submitted that such deliberate violation of the directions of the



Tribunal is still continuing, giving rise to the urgency in moving the writ petition.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondents controverts such allegations.

4. Since the prayer made in the writ petition is innocuous and we do not intend to touch upon the rights and contentions of the parties which are pending consideration before the Tribunal, the Court is of the opinion that no direction for affidavits is necessary. It is, however, deemed that none of the allegations made in the writ petition are admitted by the respondents.

5. In the light of the exigencies pointed out by the petitioners, WPCT/23/2026 is disposed of by directing the Central Administrative Tribunal, Kolkata Bench (Circuit at Port Blair) to dispose of Contempt Petition No.127 of 2025 pending before it as expeditiously as possible, positively within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order to the Tribunal.

6. Since a copy of the contempt application is annexed to the writ petition itself, the respondents shall file their response thereto and/or affidavit of compliance in respect of the same before the Tribunal by four weeks from date, with an advance copy to the learned Advocate-on-record for the petitioners before the Tribunal.

7. Reply/response thereto, if any, shall be filed within a week thereafter.

8. There will be no order as to costs.



9. Urgent Photostat certified copies of this judgment, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)

(Smita Das De, J.)