IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
[CIRCUIT BENCH AT PORT BLAIR]
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WPA/619/2025

Malayali Settlers Association

Vs.

Andaman and Nicobar Administration (UT)

Mr. Saket Kumar
[through virtual mode]
Mr. Sarela Rantam … for the petitioner

Mr. S.Naidu … for the respondents

April 13, 2026
[SR]
Item No.6

1. Learned counsel appearing for petitioner points out that despite specific direction passed by a coordinate Bench on March 09, 2026, extending the time for filing affidavit-in-opposition within two weeks thereafter, the affidavit-in-opposition has been filed only recently and a copy thereof has been handed over to learned counsel for the petitioner only today. Accordingly, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks costs to be imposed on the respondents.

2. Upon the query of Court, learned counsel for the respondents submits that due to administrative delays and procedural wrangles, the respondents were late in filing the affidavit-in-opposition.

3. In view of such submission, the Court is of the opinion that sufficient explanation for the delay has been furnished and the affidavit-in-opposition is accordingly accepted.

4. The time for filing affidavit-in-reply is extended till a fortnight from date.

5. Let the matter be listed for hearing before the next available Circuit Bench.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)