



support the same. On the other hand, it has been submitted by learned counsel appearing for the State of West Bengal, that as far as the route between Howraw to Sealdah is concerned, since a major part of the route falls within the city of Kolkata, the jurisdiction for entertaining application for grant of new permits is with the Regional Transport Authority, Kolkata.

In fact, in paragraph 10 of the counter affidavit filed on behalf of the State, the said position has been made clear. Learned counsel has also shown us an order passed by the Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court on 21st November, 2003, in G.A.568/, in APOT 63/02, wherein certain interim restrictions had been imposed on the Regional Transport Authority.

Be that as it may, having regard to the submissions made in paragraph 10 of the counter affidavit, we dispose of the Special Leave Petition with the observations that the petitioners, if they so wish, may apply to the Regional Transport Authority, Kolkata, for the route in question and if such applications are made, the same should be disposed of in accordance with law at the earliest.

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