

WP(C) 2549/2009

BEFORE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HRISHIKESH ROY

Heard Mr. L Rahman, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. K Das, learned standing counsel for the BTC appearing for respondent Nos.1 & 2 and Ms. V L Sinha, learned Addl. Govt. Advocate appearing for the respondent No. 3.

The petitioner who is a sitting lessee of the Dwarkuchi Market for the period from 1.7.2008 to 30.6.2009 has filed the instant petition seeking a direction for cancellation of the tender notice dated 30.5.2009 (Annexure F) inviting offers for settlement of the market, for the next Panchayat Year starting from 1.7.2009, on the ground that the lessee suffered loss and he is entitled to extension of his period of settlement.

The Assam Panchayat Act does not provide for granting of such an extension of settlement period and since the process of settlement of the market for the next Panchayat Year has already started and perhaps the settlement order has already been issued by now, I do not find any justification for granting the extension as prayed for, in the present petition.

Accordingly, this writ petition stands dismissed.