

WP(C) 3063/2010

BEFORE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.N. SARMA

Heard Mr. A.K. Sarma, learned Sr. counsel appearing for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. Roy learned Addl. G.A.

The grievance raised in this petition is that the petitioner being a sitting lessee in respect of Balurghat Jingiram Parghat falling under the jurisdiction of South Salmara Anchalik Panchayat. For the ensuing period of settlement from 2009 to 2010 necessary have been issued by the Anchalik Panchayat. It is contended by the petitioner that one side of the Ghat falls under the jurisdiction of Meghalaya Government and the people coming from the State creates problem in collection tolls etc by the lessees which the petitioner is facing now. It is contended that similar problems would bound to occur during the ensuing period also i.e for 2010-11.

Upon hearing the learned counsel for the parties, this petition is disposed of with the direction that the Anchalik Panchayat shall take up the matter with the D/C, Dhubri, who in turn shall take the matter with his counterpart the State of Meghalaya and would see that the ferry service in question which would be leased out by the South Salmara Anchalik Panchayat could be run by the existing lessee without any interference from Meghalaya people. The Anchalik Panchayat may also take steps for shifting the terminal point of the Parghat on the other side falling under the jurisdiction of the State of Meghalaya, if it is feasible to do so. The Deputy Commissioner is also directed to act in terms of this order.

With the aforesaid direction, this Writ Petition stands closed.