

**HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA
AGARTALA**
WP(C) 1024 OF 2018

Tripura Press Owners Association

----Petitioner(s)

Versus

The State of Tripura & 2 Ors.

----Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. T.D.Majumder, Advocate.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. A.K.Bhowmik, Advocate General.

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARINDAM LODH

Order

23.10.2018

Heard Mr. T. Datta Majumder, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as Mr. A.K.Bhowmik, learned Advocate General appearing for the State-respondents.

Mr. Dutta Majumder, learned counsel has drawn my attention to Paragraph 11 of the counter affidavit filed by the State-respondents. Para 11 of the counter affidavit is reproduced hereunder in extenso:

"11. That I say that, so far as the tenders for Group-A to Group-E are concerned, the valid tenders are now lying with the Supply Advisory Board for consideration and decision. So far as the bids for Group-F is concerned, there is only one valid bid submitted by K.C. Printing and Allied Works. Tender screening committee, in view of single tender and around three times higher rate quoted by the said bidder has opined that fresh tender for the said group be invited."

The instant writ petition is only concerned with Group-F where, it is found that there is only one valid tender and the rate quoted is three times higher by the bidder and the Screening Committee has opined for inviting fresh tender for Group-F item.

Mr. A.K.Bhowmik, learned Advocate General has submitted that the State has given due importance to the opinion of the Expert Committee and supported the statements made in Para 11 of the counter affidavit as extracted above. The learned Advocate General has further communicated this Court about the floating of fresh tender in respect of Group-F item.

In my opinion, if the State decides for a fresh tender, there is no impediment to proceed accordingly in respect of Group-F item and in the circumstances, there is no purpose to keep the instant writ petition pending before this Court.

In the result, keeping in view the aforesaid submissions and stand taken by the State-respondents being supported by assurance of learned Advocate General as aforesaid, on agreement by both the learned counsels, the instant writ petition is disposed of.

A copy of the order may be supplied to the learned counsel of the parties.

JUDGE