

Item-
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WPA(P) 148 of 2025

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Ct. 8

National Bureau of Social Investigation and
Social Justice & Anr.
Vs.
Union of India & Ors.

Mr. Avijit Chakraborty
...for the petitioner
Mr. Kumar Jyoti Tewari, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Arijit Majumdar

Sk. Md. Galib
Ms. Priyamvada
Singh
...for the Union of India
...for the State

1. The petitioners made serious grievance regarding plying of overloaded goods vehicles on the national highway. Apart from the fact that it is in violation of the Motor Vehicle Act and the issue raised had, in fact, drawn the attention of the Deputy Secretary, Government of West Bengal, Transport Department.
2. An 'Action taken report' as called for by the Deputy Secretary, Government of West Bengal dated 22nd April, 2025, should be filed by the Transport Department in the form of an affidavit within three weeks from date.
3. One cannot ignore the fact that due to such overloading of goods vehicles, the roads are extensively damaged. Unless strict vigil is maintained by the Administration in not preventing such overloaded goods vehicles to ply, it would not only cause extensive damage to the National Highway and the roads in general, but would also encourage unscrupulous transporters and traders. The

District Magistrates and the Superintendents of Police of all Districts in West Bengal, as well as the National Highway Authority are directed to maintain strict vigil on this and ensure compliance of this direction.

4. The order shall be widely circulated for knowledge and compliance by all the stakeholders.
5. The matter stands adjourned for **four weeks**.

(Soumen Sen, J.)

(Smita Das De, J.)