

21.09.2021
Court No.1
Item No.16
AP/ss

WPA(P) 229 of 2021

Aishwarya Adhikari
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and Anr.

(Through Video Conference)

Ms. Joveria Sabbah, Advocate
Mr. Bodhisatya Ghosh, Advocate
...for the Petitioner present in Court.

Mr. Anirban Ray, Government Pleader (Through V.C.)
Mr. Raja Saha, Advocate
Mr. Sayan Ganguly, Advocate
...for the State present in Court.

Mr. Arindam Sen, Advocate
...for the Respondent No.5 present in Court.

The issue raised in the present petition is for a direction to respondents to include sex workers and their family members in the State under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana as per the National Food Security Act, 2013. Prayer has also been made to provide financial assistance, food and also the benefits to the children under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme. Some of the sex workers are denied ration as they do not have the ration card.

Mr. Ray, learned Government Pleader seeks time to file affidavit.

We direct the Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority to depute any Para Legal Volunteer within the area and report to this Court about the difficulties being faced by the sex workers and their families so that the same can be taken care of with the help of the State.

Adjourned to October 7, 2021.

[Rajesh Bindal, C.J. (A.)]

[Rajarshi Bharadwaj, J.]