

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
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Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 768/2025

WEST BENGAL MIGRANT WORKERS WELFARE BOARD & ANR. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date : 29-08-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

IA No. 210775/2025 (application for impleadment)

1. IA No. 210775/2025 is allowed, as prayed for.
2. The State of Gujarat is impleaded as respondent No.11.
3. Let the newly impleaded respondent be served through the Dasti mode.

IA No. 210774/2025 (application seeking direction)

4. Issue notice.
5. Mr. M.K. Maroria, learned AOR, accepts notice.
6. Reply, if any, be filed within one week.
7. During the course of the hearing, Mr. Prashant Bhushan, learned counsel for the petitioner, has referred to the order dated 20.08.2025 passed by the Division Bench of the Calcutta High Court in WPA(H) No. 50/2025 (*Bhodu Sekh v. Union of India & Ors.*). We are informed that the above-stated petition seeking a Writ of Habeas Corpus has been filed for the release of Sunali Bibi. However, the writ petition was adjourned to 10.09.2025 as the pendency of the present proceedings was brought to the notice of the High Court.
8. In this regard, we clarify that the issue raised in the writ petition pending before this Court is entirely different and has no bearing on the writ petition seeking a Writ of Habeas Corpus pending before the High Court. Consequently, we request the High

Court to immediately take up the WPA(H) No. 50/2025 and other similar matters to pass appropriate orders.

9. Liberty is granted to raise the issue of ascertainment of the citizenship status of Sunali Bibi or her family members and/or other petitioners before the High Court in the above-stated writ petition/similar matters, which shall be considered in accordance with law.

10. List on 11.09.2025.

11. SLP (Civil) Diary No. 49031/2025 is taken on Board. The same is disposed of, as infructuous.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR