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**W.P.A 338 of 2020
(Via Video Conference)**

**Ranjan Mal & Ors.
-versus
Union of India & Ors.**

**Mr. Saikat Chatterjee.
...For the Petitioners.**

**Ms. Sima Adhikari,
Ms. Kakali Naskar.
...For the State.**

Affidavit-of-service filed in Court today is taken on record.

The petitioners claim that they are entitled to receive funds under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana. The primary contention of the petitioners is that the funds have been released in favour of the beneficiaries not in accordance with the priority in which their names have been enlisted. It has been categorically submitted that the candidates whose names appear at the bottom of the list have been allotted the funds earlier than those whose names appear at the top of the list.

The petitioners raised an objection before the Block Development Officer, Mayureswar-I Development Block.

It appears from the record that the Sub-Divisional Officer, Rampurhat, Birbhum by a communication dated 22nd October, 2019 forwarded a copy of the petition to the Block Development Officer,

Mayureswar-I Development Block for redressal of the grievances of the petitioners under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

The petitioners submit that since thereafter there has been no communication from the end of the respondent authorities.

It has however, been submitted in Court that after filing of the writ petition and service of a copy of the same upon the respondents, steps are being taken for releasing funds in favour of selected number of petitioners. The first and the second installments have been released in favour of few of them but the last and the final installment has not been disbursed. It has also been submitted that there are number of petitioners who have not received a single installment till date.

The learned advocate appearing for the State respondents is yet to receive the instruction in the matter.

As it appears that the respondent authorities are already aware of the petition filed by the petitioners and the same has been forwarded by the Sub-Divisional Officer to the Block Development Officer, Mayureswar-I Development Block, the Court think it fit to direct the respondent No. 3 being the District Magistrate, Birbhum to take necessary steps to consider the representation that was made by the petitioners, strictly in accordance with the relevant scheme, within a period of ten weeks from the date of communication of a copy of this order.

The said respondent shall ensure that payments are disbursed in favour of the eligible beneficiaries in

accordance with the sequence of the names as appearing in the priority list.

The learned advocate appearing for the petitioners submits upon instruction that the petitioner No. 8, Ganesh Konai son of Amulya Konai has expired during the pendency of the writ petition. Accordingly, the name of the petitioner No. 8 stands expunged from the cause title of the writ petition.

W.P.A. 338 of 2020 is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order be supplied to the parties, if applied for, as early as possible.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)