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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

WPA 1704 of 2020
(Through Video Conference)

Tabir Hossain Mallick & Ors.

Vs.

West Bengal State Electricity
Distribution Company Limited & Ors.

Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed,
Mr. Abdul Hamid,
Ms. Smita Saha,
Mr. Supriya Majumder,
Ms. Shaila Afrin,
Mr. Sk. Saidullah,
Ms. Arunima Mukhopadhyay,
Mr. Debopam Roy

... For the petitioners.

Mr. S. S. Koley

... For WBSEDCL.

Mr. Wasim Ahmed,
Mr. Aritra Ghosh

.... For the State.

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

The petitioners require a certificate from
the District Magistrate for necessary statutory
compliance to get the electric connection to operate
submersible pump. Previously, the respondent no.5,
being the senior Geologist, Geological Division, used
to grant this certificate but now due to the change in
law it is being granted by the concerned District
Magistrate. The petitioner says in 2016, eleven
persons had applied for the certificate out of which
five had been granted the same but the petitioners
being seven in numbers have not received such

certificate.

Considering the materials on record and the submissions made on behalf of the parties, I permit the petitioners to apply before the concerned District Magistrate for the necessary certificate within 21st January, 2021. The District Magistrate (respondent no.8) if approached, shall decide the issue as to whether the respective petitioners are entitled to a certificate and if so, shall grant such certificate as expeditiously as possible. The entire exercise shall be concluded by the District Magistrate within a period of two months from the date of being approached, after affording a reasonable opportunity of hearing to the petitioners and by passing a reasoned order. The order shall be communicated to the petitioners within seven days from being passed.

Nothing further remains to be adjudicated in the writ petition and the same is accordingly disposed of without any order as to costs.

Since I have not called for any affidavits, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed to have not been admitted by the respondents.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, is to be given to the parties upon compliance with the necessary formalities.

(Arindam Mukherjee, J.)

