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NB Ct. 18

W.P.A. 1938 of 2020

Ranjit Kumar Paul @ Ranjit Kumar
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Dilip Kumar Maity.
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Rabindra Narayan Dutta,
Mr. Hare Krishna Halder.
...for the State.

Mr. Saugata Mitra,
Ms. Ankita Dey.
...for the resp. nos.4 to 7.

Affidavits of service filed in Court today be kept with
the record.

The petitioner alleges that his land has been
exploited by the National Highway Authority for the
purpose of extension and widening of National Highway
No.32 without giving any compensation to him.

The grievance of the petitioner is that his
representation praying such compensation has not yet
been disposed of by the Special Land Acquisition Officer,
Purulia, being respondent no.2 herein, as such, he is
seeking a direction upon the said respondent for
expeditious disposal of his said representation.

Mr. Rabindra Narayan Dutta, learned advocate
appearing on behalf of the State respondents submits that
it is not the respondent no.2 but the Collector of the

concerned district who is the appropriate authority to consider the said representation of the petitioner.

The learned advocate appearing on behalf of the private respondents being respondent nos. 7(a) to 7(c) submits that the petitioner, not being the recorded owner of the lands in question, is not entitled to any compensation as prayed for.

Be that as it may, the representation of the petitioner is not directed to the appropriate authority, as such, the direction as prayed for, cannot be granted.

WPA 1938 of 2020 is disposed of with the above observation without any order as to costs.

However, this order will not prevent the petitioner to give representation to the appropriate authority for redressal of his grievance.

Since no-affidavit-in-opposition has been invited, the allegations in the writ petition are deemed to have been denied by the respondents.

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

(Biswajit Basu, J.)