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13.07.2021
Court. No. 19
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W.P.A. 10893 of 2021

Sri Biswanath Saha
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

(Through Video Conference)

*Mr. Abhishek Prasad,
Ms. Ankita Dey.*

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Tapas Kr. Dey.

...for the Intervenor.

Affidavit-of-service is taken on record.

Despite service none appears on behalf of the English
Bazar Municipality.

As the prayer of the petitioner is innocuous, the
matter is being taken up in the absence of the learned
advocate for the municipality.

The petitioner alleges that there has been sheer
wastage and misuse of municipal water through a municipal
tap installed in front of the house of the petitioner.

It is submitted that the municipal authorities are not
regulating the use of such tap and the tap has been running
constantly and the water from the said tap, which is only
meant for drinking, is being used for all kind of purposes and
the tap is also not closed after operation by the persons in
and around the locality, which has resulted in sheer wastage
of the drinking water. It is submitted by the petitioner that

the tap had been installed only for supply of drinking water for the people of the locality and such wastage of water amounts to misuse of natural resources. The municipal authorities should regulate the use of such municipal taps in the locality and ensure that the water supply is not misused by anybody.

The petitioner has made a representation to the Chairperson, Board of Administrator, English Bazar Municipality dated November 25, 2020. Let the said representation be considered by the municipality in accordance with law. The municipality upon consideration of the representation and upon making an inspection of the locale, may take such measures to ensure that the natural wealth of the country is not wasted in such a careless and indiscriminate manner.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of.

There will be however no order as to costs.

All parties are directed to act on the basis of the server copy of this order.

(Shampa Sarkar, J.)