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**In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side**

W.P.A 16560 of 2022

**Bonomali Jana @ Banamali Jana & Anr.
-versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

**Mr. Bikash Shaw.
...For the Petitioner.**

**Mr. Sandipan Banerjee,
Mr. Sobhan Majumder,
Mr. Ankit Sureka.
...For HMC.**

**Mr. Sudipto Panda.
...For the State.**

**Mr. Haradhan Banerjee,
Mr. Nilanjan Das,
Mr. Partha Pratim Mukherjee.
...For the Respondent No.8.**

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

None appears on behalf of the respondent No.9 in spite of service.

The petitioners allege illegal and unauthorized construction at the premises No. 110/9, Kalikundu Lane, P.S.- Bantra under the jurisdiction of the Howrah Municipal Corporation.

The petitioners allege that the construction is being made at the instance of the private respondents without obtaining any sanction plan.

The petitioners complain that the objection raised against such illegal construction has not been considered by the respondent authorities till date.

The respondent No. 8 denies the allegation of the petitioners and submits that the sanction plan has been obtained from the Howrah Municipal Corporation for construction of G+3 storied building.

In view of the order that I propose to pass, none of the parties will be prejudiced if the writ petition is disposed of in the following manner.

As it appears that the representation of the petitioner objecting to the illegal and unauthorized construction is pending consideration at the end of the respondent authorities, no useful purpose will be served by keeping the writ petition pending.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of by directing the respondent no.2 being the Howrah Municipal Corporation to consider and dispose of the representation made by the petitioners strictly in accordance with law, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all the necessary parties including the petitioners within a period of three months from the date of communication of a copy of this order. The said respondent shall pass a reasoned order and communicate the same to all the necessary parties including the petitioners immediately thereafter.

A spot inspection shall be conducted upon prior notice to both the parties.

In the event the aforesaid respondent is of the considered opinion that the construction has been made either in violation of the plan sanctioned or devoid the sanction plan, then necessary steps shall be taken to deal with such unauthorized construction, in accordance with law.

The aforesaid respondent shall restrict the consideration of the representation with regard to unauthorized construction only and not enter into or decide any private dispute of the parties regarding right, title and interest in respect of the aforesaid land.

It is made clear that this Court has not entered into the merits of the claim made by the petitioners and all points are left open to be decided by the aforesaid respondent at the time of consideration of the representation of the petitioners.

The petitioners are directed to forward a copy of the representation dated 11th May, 2022 to the aforesaid respondent at the time of communicating the order of the Court.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

Urgent certified photocopy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties expeditiously on compliance of usual legal formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)