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W.P.A. 18881 of 2022
(Robi Lochan Maji @ Rabi vs. State of West Bengal & Ors.)

Mr. Amit Ranjan Pati
Mr. Ashok Halder
Ms. Anjana Mehbub
.... For the Petitioner

Mr. Supratim Dhar
.... For the State

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

The petitioner was initially granted short term lease in respect of the plot in question and paid the requisite royalty for the same. The petitioner submitted an application before the concerned authority for grant of long term mining lease in his favour on 11th January, 2012 pursuant to which he was informed by the District Land and Land Reforms Officer vide letter dated 10th March, 2015 that the application was sent to the Land and Land Reforms Department on 3rd March, 2015. The petitioner complains that no further communication has been made to him

after the said date. The petitioner submitted a further representation before the concerned authority requesting grant of long term mining lease in his favour on 10th August, 2022 which has also not been considered.

The petitioner prays for a direction upon the concerned authority to consider and dispose of the representation for grant of long term mining lease at the earliest.

It is submitted on behalf of the respondents that the 4th respondent be directed to consider the representation submitted by the petitioner in accordance with law.

In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of directing the 4th respondent to consider and dispose of the representation submitted by the petitioner dated 10th August, 2022 within one month from the date of communication of this order after affording reasonable opportunity of hearing to the interested parties including the petitioner, in accordance with law.

The decision taken by the authority shall be communicated to the petitioner within a week thereof.

The writ petition is thus disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit has been invited, allegations contained in the writ petition shall be deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties on compliance of requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)