

07.07.2022
Court No. 19
Item no.348
CP

W.P.A. No. 21022 of 2021

The South Indian Bank Ltd.
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Ms. Sonal Shah
Mr. Kushagra Shah
Mr. P. Mitra

...for the petitioner.

Ms. Chaitali Bhattacharya
Ms. Sanjukta Samanta

...for the State.

Perused the police report. The same is taken
on record.

It appears that the police authorities have
initiated Electronics Complex PS Case No. 125/2019
dated November 23, 2019, under Sections
420/406/467/120B/34 of the Indian Penal Code. It
also appears that the police authorities have taken
some steps with regard to the progress of the
investigation. It is stated that the seizure of the gold,
shall be done in due course. The Investigating Officer
has been changed after transfer of the earlier one.
The petitioner was also asked to file necessary
documents.

This court is of the view that the Officer-in-
Charge, Electronic Complex Police Station shall
personally investigate into the matter under the

direct supervision of the Commissioner of Police, Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate.

The Economic Offence Wing, CID, West Bengal had also called the petitioner for an enquiry in the matter. The police authorities and the Economic Offence Wing, CID, West Bengal shall coordinate with each other and conclude the investigation under the supervision of the Commissioner of Police, Bidhannagar Police Commissionerate, expeditiously.

It goes without saying, that immediate steps should be taken to interrogate the bank officials, the gold appraisers, the loanees and any other person who may in the, prima facie, opinion of the police authorities, be connected with such transaction.

It is expected that the investigation is concluded preferably within a period of three months from the date of communication of this order, as already a lot of time has been lost during the pandemic period.

The writ petition is disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Parties are to act on the server copy of this order.

(Shampa Sarkar, J.)