

WPA 25210 of 2022

Rejaul Haque
Vs.
The State of W.B. & Ors.

Mr. Subhendu Roy Choudhury ...for the petitioner.

Mr. Soumitra Bandyopadhyay
Mr. P. Batabyal ...for the State.

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

It is contended on behalf of the petitioner that the petitioner was granted long-term mining lease for a period of five years by virtue of a lease agreement executed on 19th April, 2017.

Due to advent of the Covid-19 pandemic and nation-wide lock down declared by the government, the petitioner was unable to carry on mining operation for a considerable period of time. The petitioner seeks extension of the period of lease executed in his favour.

The petitioner submitted a representation before the concerned authority on 3rd November, 2022, which is yet to be considered. The petitioner prays for a direction upon the concerned authority to consider the representation at the earliest.

It is submitted on behalf of the respondents that the 3rd respondent be directed to consider the representation in accordance with law.

In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of directing the 3rd respondent to consider and dispose of the representation submitted by the petitioner dated 3rd November, 2022 within a period of one month from the date of communication of this order, after giving reasonable opportunity of hearing to all 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.

With the above observations and directions this writ petition being WPA 25210 of 2022 is disposed of.

However, there shall be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to be admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)