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W.P.A. 8304 of 2023

Hemanta Mallick & Anr.
vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Panchanan Hazra
.... For the Petitioners

Mr. Chandi Charan De
Mr. Haripada Maity
Mr. Anirban Sarkar
.... For the State

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

The petitioners complain that their land was requisitioned according to the West Bengal Land (Requisition and Acquisition) Act, 1948 (hereinafter referred to as the "said Act of 1948") but the land was not acquired subsequently. In the meantime the said Act of 1948 stood repealed with effect from March 31, 1997.

The petitioners filed a representation before the 3rd respondent on 10th May, 2022 for release of their land and payment of compensation but the said representation has not been considered till date. The

petitioners pray for consideration of the said representation by the concerned authority.

Having considered the submissions made by the learned counsels appearing on behalf of the parties and the material on record, I dispose of the writ petition with a direction upon the 3rd respondent to consider and dispose of the representation filed by the petitioner on 10th May, 2022 within a period of three months from the date of communication of this order, after giving reasonable opportunity of hearing to all the affected parties including the petitioners, in accordance with law.

In the event the representation is decided in favour of the petitioners, necessary consequential steps be taken by the 3rd respondent within a month thereafter.

With the above observations and directions this writ petition being WPA No. 8301 of 2023 is disposed of.

There shall be, however, no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit in opposition 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 furnished to the parties on usual undertakings.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)