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16.10.2023
Court No. 24
AGM

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

WPA 13433 of 2023

**Smt. Delasi Devi
-versus
Howrah Municipal Corporation & Ors.**

**Ms. Shebatee Datta
Ms. Babita Dey**

... For the petitioner.

Mr. Avijit Sarkar

... For the State.

**Mr. Sandipan Banerjee
Mr. Ankit Sureka
Mr. Sobhan Majumdar**

... For the Howrah Municipal Corporation.

Affidavit-of-service filed today in Court be kept with the records.

None represents the private respondent.

The petitioner alleges illegal and unauthorised construction at 60, M.C.Ghosh Lane without any sanction plan infringing the mandatory side open spaces.

In view of the order that I propose to pass, none of the non appearing respondents would 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 Commissioner, Howrah Municipal Corporation or his delegate to consider and dispose of the representation made by the petitioner strictly in accordance with law, after giving an opportunity of hearing to all the necessary parties including the petitioner 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 petitioner immediately thereafter.

A spot inspection shall be conducted to ascertain the nature and extent of unauthorized construction.

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 petitioner and

all points are left open to be decided by the aforesaid respondent at the time of consideration of the representation of the petitioner.

The petitioner is directed to forward a copy of the representation dated 19th May, 2023 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.)