

Item No.16

In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

16.01.2023
Ct-24

WPA 19758 of 2022
Raja Chatterjee

v.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sayan Sinha
Mr. Adil Naser
... for the petitioner.

Mr. Koushik Chatterjee
Mr. Nilanjan Adhikari
... for the respondent nos. 4,5 and 6.

Mr. Mir Anuruzzaman
... for the Municipality.

The petitioner complains of illegal and unauthorized construction at the instance of the private respondents at RS Dag No. 429, Hal Dag No. 457 comprising area of 7 decimals under Mouza Athligori, Police Station-Contai, Ward No. 15 under the jurisdiction of the Contai Municipality.

The petitioner contends that the objection filed before the Municipality in July 2022 has not been considered till date.

None appears on behalf of the private respondents despite service.

Affidavit-of-service filed in Court today is taken on record.

Learned advocate representing the Contai Municipality submits that an inspection shall be

conducted to ascertain the nature of unauthorized construction, if any, made at the subject premises.

In view of the order that I propose to pass no prejudice shall be caused to the non-appearing respondents, 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 respondent no. 6 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.

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 July 27, 2022 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.

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(Amrita Sinha, J.)