

Item No.20

In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

12.04.2023
Ct-24

WPA 20426 of 2022
Ranjit Thakur

v.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Satyam Mukherjee
Mr. Pranab Kumar Saha
... for the petitioner.

Mr. Partha Chakraborty
Ms. Paulomi Dutta
... for the respondent no. 7.

Mr. Barin Banerjee
Mr. Fazlul Haque
... for KMC.

Mr. Ziaul Islam
Mr. Abdus Salam
... for the State.

The petitioner complains of illegal and unauthorized construction at premises no. 18, Muktaram Basu Street, Ward No. 41, Borough-V under the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

The petitioner alleges that the private respondent demolished the old structure and raised new construction thereon without any valid sanctioned plan. The objection filed by the petitioner before the Executive Engineer of the concerned borough is pending consideration for a long period of time.

Learned advocate representing the private respondent denies the allegation of the petitioner. It has

been submitted that construction has been made strictly in accordance with the plan sanctioned by the Corporation.

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. 4 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 12, 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.)