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Item No.7
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TUSHAR KANTI GHOSH
VS
STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.

Mr. Soujanya Bandyopadhyay
..for the Petitioner.

Mr. Arindam Mandal
..for the State.

1. The petitioner's grievance is that several representations given to the authorities, more particularly the 10th and 11th respondents and has not received any response.

2. The representations are pointing out certain acts which, according to the writ petitioner, violates the public lives at large as there is an encroachment and exploiting of government land and river and misappropriating several crores of rupees by the private respondents and the officials of the office of the Block Land and Land Reforms Department or also said to be involved in the matter.

3. It is submitted by the learned advocate for the petitioner that the Additional District Magistrate (LR) and the District Land and Land Reforms Officer, namely, the 11th respondent is the appropriate authority to examine the matter and application was also filed before the said authority under the Right to Information Act.

4. However, we find that no specific representation has been given to the 11th respondent.

5. Therefore, we dispose of this writ petition by directing the petitioner to submit a comprehensive representation to the 11th respondent, namely, the Additional District Magistrate (LR) and the District Land and Land Reforms Officer, North 24-Parganas along with the copy of this order.

6. The petitioner is directed to enclose the copies of the earlier representation as well as other records which might be in their possession.

7. On receipt of the representation, the authority is directed to conduct an inquiry after notice to all concerned and take action on merits and in accordance with law.

8. This direction be complied with within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the representation.

9. Since the writ petition is disposed of without calling for any affidavit, the merits of the contentions raised by the petitioner in the writ petition as well as the other representations are not gone into and it is for the authority to take into account all relevant factors.

(T. S. SIVAGNANAM)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(HIRANMAY BHATTACHARYYA, J.)