

Item No. 27

In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

18.01.2023
Ct-24

WPA 26713 of 2022
Sri Mantu Shaw

v.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sanjib Seth
... for the petitioner.

Mr. Malay Singh
Ms. Neelam Singh
... for the State.

Mr. Sandipan Banerjee
Mr. Ankit Sureka
Mr. Sobhan Majumder
... for HMC.

The petitioner complains of illegal and unauthorized construction at the instance of the private respondents at 4, Gopal Chandra Mukherjee Road, P.O. & P.S.-Howrah.

The objection filed by the petitioner is yet to be considered.

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 Howrah Municipal Corporation submits that the objection filed by the petitioner shall be taken up for consideration.

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. 3 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.

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 November 25, 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.)