

10-05-2024
Item No.89 ML
Subrata
Bhattacharyya
AR(C)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

WPA No.15489 of 2022
Madan Mohan Singha
-vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Mukteswar Maity
Ms. Monika Sarkar ...for the petitioner

Mr. Sandipan Banerjee
Mr. Sobhan Majumder ...for the Corporation

The petitioner complains of illegal and unauthorized construction over the embankment of a water body (*Pukur Par*). Complaint lodged against such unauthorized construction is alleged to be kept pending before the Durgapur Municipal Corporation.

None represents the private respondents. A photocopy of the affidavit of service is taken on record.

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 respondent no.2 being Durgapur Municipal Corporation to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated July 8, 2022

(Annexure P2, p.28) strictly in accordance with law by giving a reasoned decision, 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 reasoned decision once passed shall be communicated to all the necessary parties, including the petitioner forthwith.

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

In the event the said respondent is of the considered opinion that the construction has been made either in violation of the plan sanctioned or devoid of the sanctioned plan, then necessary steps shall be taken dealing with such unauthorized construction, in accordance with law.

The said respondent shall restrict the consideration of the representation with regard to unauthorized construction only and not enter into or decide any private dispute between the parties regarding right, title and interest in respect of the concerned land.

It is made clear that this court has not entered into the merits of the petitioner's claim, and that all points are left open to be decided by the said respondent at the time of consideration of the petitioner's representation.

The petitioner is directed to forward a copy of the representation dated July 8, 2022 to the said respondent at the time of communication of the order of the court.

The writ petition stands disposed of. No order as to costs.

Certified copy of this order, if applied for, shall be made available to the parties.

[Amrita Sinha, J]