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Item No.10  
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WPA(P)/272/2024  
GOURANGO MANDAL  
VS  
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS.

Syed Mansur Ali

..for the Petitioner.

Mr. Anirban Ray,  
Sk. Md. Galib,  
Ms. Suvasree Ghose

..for the State.

Mr. Prahlad Chandra Ghosh,  
Mr. Subir Hazra

..for the Respondent Nos.11 to 13.

1. This petition has been filed as a public interest writ petition to cancel the community certificates issued to the respondent nos.9 to 16.

2. The learned Government counsel on written instruction from the Sub-Divisional Officer, Malda (Sadar) as well as the Sub-Divisional Officer, Chanchal who is not being made a party, submitted that the community certificates issued to the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> respondents on verification have been found to be wrongly issued and they have been cancelled and the Sub-Divisional Officer, Chanchal has also submitted that on verification it was found that the community certificates issued to the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respondents is also incorrect and the same have been cancelled. So far as the community certificates issued to the respondent Nos.13 to 16 is concerned, the Sub-

Divisional Officer, Malda (Sadar) submitted that though the writ petitioner was contacted to furnish information regarding respondent Nos.13 to 16, the writ petitioner has stated that he has no information.

3. Considering the fact that the community certificates issued to some of the private respondents have been cancelled, the Sub-Divisional Officer, Malda (Sadar) shall conduct an enquiry into the correctness of the certificates issued to the respondent Nos.13 to 16.

4. It is made clear that we have not expressed anything on merits and the decision shall be taken by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Malda (Sadar) in accordance with law after issuing notice to the respondent Nos.13 to 16.

5. The respondent Nos.13 to 16 shall be directed to attend the enquiry, submit documents and after hearing the parties appropriate orders be passed in accordance with law within a period of twelve weeks from the date of completion of the enquiry.

6. The written instruction given by the Sub-Divisional Officer, Malda (Sadar) and the Sub-Divisional Officer, Chanchal is taken on record.

7. Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of.

**(T. S. SIVAGNANAM)**  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(HIRANMAY BHATTACHARYYA, J.)**