

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE**

83 09.12.2024
Sc Ct. no.2

WPA 18191 OF 2024

Ms. Mahjabeen Bano & Ors.

Vs.

State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Shaunak Ghosh

Mr. Ratul Deb Banerjee.

.... For the Petitioners

Mr. Chandi Charan De, AGP

Mr. Anirban Sarkar

Ms. Reshma Chatterjee.

.... For the Respondents

Affidavit-of-service, filed in Court today, is taken on record.

Mr. Ratul Deb Banerjee, learned counsel led by Mr. Shaunak Ghosh, learned counsel appears for the petitioners.

Mr. Chandi Charan De, learned Additional Government Pleader appears for the respondents State.

Referring to **Annexure-P2 at page 15** to the writ petition learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, an application under **Section 18** of the **Land Acquisition Act, 1894** is pending before the respondent no.2 since long.

In view of the above, the respondent no.2 is directed to take a decision on the said **Section 18** application of the petitioners strictly in accordance with

law positively within a period of ***eight weeks*** from the date of communication of this order and shall communicate the same to the petitioners within the said period.

It is made clear that this Court has not gone into the merits of the said ***Section 18*** application of the petitioners and the jurisdictional authority shall decide the same independently in accordance with law.

Since affidavits are not called for, the allegations made in this writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted by the respondents.

With the above observations and directions, this writ petition, ***WPA 18191 of 2024*** stands ***disposed of***, without any order as to costs.

Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be furnished expeditiously.

(Aniruddha Roy, J.)