

S/L 35
27.02.2024
Court No.24
SD

WPA 18294 of 2023

Shri Shankar Paul
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Pinaki Ranjan Mitra

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Amitava Chaudhuri
Ms. Srijani Mukherjee

...for the State.

Ms. Mekhla Sinha
Ms. Malabika Roy Dey

...for the Howrah Zilla Parishad.

Affidavit of service filed in Court today be kept with the record.

The petitioner complains of illegal unauthorized construction over a water body at the behest of the respondent no.7. Objection filed against such unauthorized construction is pending consideration at the end of the Howrah Zilla Parishad.

None represents the respondent no.7.

In view of the order that I propose to pass, none of the non appearing respondents will 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, the Howrah Zilla Parishad 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, at the earliest, but positively within a period of three months from the date 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.

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 Panchayat Authority will not decide the right, title and interest of the parties and will restrict the decision only with regard to unauthorized construction being made without a sanctioned plan.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner is directed to forward a copy of the representation dated June

21, 2023 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 given to the parties, upon compliance of all formalities, on priority basis.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)