

22.11.2024

Item No. 11

Crt.No.02

b.r.

CPAN 1292 of 2024

IA No. **CAN 1 of 2024**

In

WPA 15171 of 2024

Ramchandra Bag & Anr.

-vs-

**Sumit Gupta, District Magistrate,
South 24 Parganas**

Mr. Sarthak Barman

.... For the applicants/petitioners.

Mr. Nilotpall Chatterjee

.... For the alleged contemnor.

The order dated **September 27, 2024** speaks for itself.

Today, Mr. Sarthak Barman, learned advocate appearing for the applicants/petitioners places a letter dated **November 18, 2024** written by **Controller of Vagrancy, West Bengal**. The letter was addressed to the alleged contemnor. The letter is taken on record.

Mr. Nilotpall Chatterjee, learned counsel also places a letter dated **October 4, 2024** written by the alleged contemnor wherefrom it appears that the entire matter has been relegated before the **Controller of Vagrancy, West Bengal** who is the authority in law to decide the issue. A copy of the said letter is also taken on record.

Since the alleged contemnor impleaded in this contempt application is not the appropriate authority

and there was no direction upon the **Controller of Vagrancy, West Bengal** in the main writ petition in the order dated **June 6, 2024** out of which this contempt proceeding arose, there is no scope of further proceeding with this contempt petition.

Accordingly, this contempt proceeding, **CPAN 1292 of 2024** stands **dropped and closed**.

The application, **CPAN 1292 of 2024** stands **disposed of** accordingly.

However, the petitioners shall serve copy of the writ petition and the order dated **June 6, 2024** along with a copy of today's order upon the **Controller of Vagrancy, West Bengal**. Such authority taking note of the letter of the District Magistrate dated **October 4, 2024**, as referred to above, shall decide the issue after granting an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners and other interested parties, if any, by passing a reasoned order.

At appropriate stage, if necessary, the petitioners shall be at liberty to initiate appropriate proceeding, if they are entitled to do in law.

With this direction, the connected application, **CAN 1 of 2024** also stands **disposed of**.

(Aniruddha Roy, J.)