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Sl. No.12(DL)
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W.P.A. No. 20724 of 2022

Sri Sanjit Samanta

Versus

The Union of India & Ors.

Mr. Bidyut Kumar Halder,
Mr. Indranil Halder

...for the Petitioner.

The petitioner contends that the Post Master, Birlapur Post Office, Birlapur, South 24-Parganas, did not disburse the amount which was lying in the name of his deceased father, namely, late Banshi Chandra Samanta. The petitioner contends that Banshi Chandra Samanta died on May 9, 2022. He was an employee of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port erstwhile Kolkata Port Trust.

It is contended that the money in the savings account as also in the fixed deposits were still lying in the name of the deceased. It also appears that Smt. Tilaka Samanta (widow) was one of the heirs.

This Court finds that the application made before the Post Master, Birlapur Post Office, Birlapur, South 24-Parganas, does not disclose any details with regard to the alleged fixed deposits, the savings account, etc. The petitioner is granted liberty to make a further application with details.

It is alleged that the widow (mother) had retained all the documents. It is also stated that the petitioner as an heir is entitled to some money.

This Court is not in a position to ascertain whether the contentions of the petitioner are correct or not. The concerned post office may only intimate the petitioner whether money is lying in the post office in the name of the deceased father and whether the nominee has been handed over such amounts. The details will be provided.

If any application is made by the petitioner with details and with the death certificate, the Post Master, Birlapur Post Office, Birlapur, South 24-Parganas, will supply such information with regard to the queries to be made by the petitioner.

The right of the petitioner to such amount etc. is subject to the laws of the land and the post office rules. The post office will supply such information within four months from receipt of the petitioner's application. Upon receipt of such query, the post office will also intimate the matter to the respondent No.3, who shall also be heard. In case the money is still lying with the post office, the petitioner will be intimated accordingly as to the fate of such accounts.

The writ petition is, thus, disposed of.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Parties are directed to act on the basis of the server copy
of this order.

(Shampa Sarkar, J.)