

22-04-2024
Item No.70-ML
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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

WPA No.21475 of 2023

Md. Serajuddin

-vs-

The Howrah Municipal Corporation & Ors.

Mr. Sunny Nandy
Mr. Tamal Singha Roy
Mr. Yamini Tiwari
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Biswajit Sarkar
Mr. Saikat Sen
...for the State.

Mr. Sandipan Banerjee
Mr. Ankit Sureka
Ms. Shetparna Ray
... for KMC.

Affidavit of service filed in Court is taken on record.

Complaint lodged by the petitioner against the unauthorized construction at holding no. 109/1, Molla Para Lane, Ward No. 40, Shibpur, Howrah under the jurisdiction of the Howrah Municipal Corporation is pending consideration.

None represents the private respondent.

In view of the order that I propose to pass, none of the non-appearing parties 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 Commissioner, Howrah Municipal Corporation or his delegate 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 within a period of three months from the date of 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.

A spot inspection shall be conducted to ascertain the nature and extent of unauthorized construction.

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.

The aforesaid respondent shall restrict the consideration of the representation with regard to unauthorized construction only and not enter into or decide any private dispute of the parties regarding right, title and interest in respect of the aforesaid land.

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.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner is directed to forward a copy of the representation dated April 18, 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 supplied to the parties expeditiously on compliance of usual legal formalities.

[Amrita Sinha, J]