

January 10, 2024
ARDR (509)

WPA 21908 of 2023

Pravakar Haldar
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Kishore Mukherjee,
Adv. Ahitangi Dey,
Adv. Noelle Banerjee,
...for the petitioner.
...for the State.

The petitioner claimed to be the *patta* holder in respect of plot in question and submits that 19.5 decimals of his land was acquired by the respondents for constructing a pipeline for GAIL (India) Limited. Compensation has been paid to the petitioner in respect of 8.4 decimals of land and the balance compensation is yet to be paid. The petitioner submitted a representation in this regard before the concerned authority on 25th August, 2023 which is yet to be considered. The petitioner prays for a direction upon the authority to consider the representation at the earliest.

The contention of the petitioner is denied and disputed by the State respondents. Learned counsel for the State respondents submits that the 3rd respondent be directed to consider the representation in accordance with law.

In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of directing the 3rd respondent to consider and dispose of

the representation submitted by the petitioner dated 25th August, 2023 within one month from the date of communication of this order upon affording reasonable opportunity of hearing to all concerned including the petitioner, in accordance with law.

In the event the petitioner is found entitled to compensation, such compensation be disbursed in favour of the petitioner within two months thereafter.

With the aforesaid observations and directions, the writ petition is disposed of.

There shall however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to be admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)