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In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

WPA 28658 of 2023

Subhajit Banerjee
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Omar Faruk Gazi,
Ms. Susmita Das.
...for the petitioner.

Mr. K. J. Yusuf,
Ms. Rupsha Chakraborty.
...for the State.

Affidavit-of-service filed in Court today is taken on record.

The petitioners complain of illegal and unauthorised construction at the behest of the private respondents. Objection filed against such unauthorised construction is pending consideration.

None represents the private respondents.

In view of the order that I propose to pass, none of the non-appearing respondents would 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.4 being the Board of Councillors, Taki Municipality 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.

The petitioner is directed to forward a copy of the representation dated 16th December, 2023 to the aforesaid respondent at the time of communicating the order of the Court.

Report filed by the Inspector-in-Charge of Hasnabad Police Station dated 2nd January, 2024 is taken on record.

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.)