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Calcutta High Court
In The Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Appellate Jurisdiction

WPA No. 1373 of 2024

Menoka Pandit Debnath and another
-vs-
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Mr. Sourav Ganguly
Ms. Deblina Ray
Mr. Abhishek Sarkar
Ms. Rishita Chakraborty
...for the petitioners
Ms. Supriya Singh
...for the NHAI
Mr. Hirak Barman
Mr. Bikash Singha
...for the State

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the
petitioners is taken on record.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the
petitioners submits as follows. The land belonging to
the predecessor of the petitioners was acquired by
the NHAI. The petitioner applied for compensation for
the acquisition. Hearing took place on three
occasions. The petitioner was asked to submit
certain documents. They submitted those
documents. In spite of this, the concerned
authorities took no steps. Accordingly, a
representation dated 24.05.2024 was made by the
petitioners before the concerned the Special Land

Acquisition Officer, Cooch Behar. Yet, there has been no response in respect of the same.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that the appropriate authority would consider the representation in accordance with law.

The NHA is also represented.

It appears that a representation of the petitioners dated 24.05.2024 is pending consideration.

In view of the above, let the respondent no.2 consider the petitioners' representation in accordance with law and at the earliest, preferably within four weeks from the date of communication of this order. Within a week thereafter, the authority shall communicate its decision to the petitioner.

With these observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order be supplied to the parties, if applied for, as early as possible.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)