

10th Sept.,2025
Item no.D/L 11
Court No. 14
Pradip, A.R.(Ct.)

In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

Case No. **WPA 10119 of 2025**

In the matter of :
Goutam Paul *.... Petitioner*
VS.
State of West Bengal & Ors. *....Respondents*

For the Petitioner :
Mr. Srikanta Dutta *....Advocates*

For the State :
Mr. Sugata Shankar Roy
Mr. Sakhawat Khandakar *....Advocates*

For the Union of India :
Mr. Subhankar Chakraborty
Mr. Bikash Kumar Singh
Mr. Sayani Gupta *....Advocates*

1. Learned advocate representing the State respondents submits that the petitioner performed the work in accordance with the work order issued and accordingly FTO was generated.
2. According to the Union of India, prior concurrence of the Central Government was not obtained by the Programme Officer before floating the tender. The work plan was also not submitted. Apart from that, there are several other anomalies for which payment cannot be released.
3. The Block Development Officer being the Programme Officer of MGNREGA is directed to follow up the matter with the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of

India and intimate the petitioner the fate of his claim for payment.

4. The State as well as the Central Government shall take steps in the matter strictly in accordance with law. If any amount is found due and payable to the petitioner, then the same shall be disbursed without any further delay.
5. Steps shall be taken by the Block Development Officer at the earliest and fate of the petitioner's claim shall be made known to the petitioner positively within twelve weeks from the date of communication of this order.
6. The writ petition stands disposed of.
7. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)