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Ct.No. 14

Amalranjan

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

WPA 25944 of 2023

Joydip Dutta
Vs.
Union of India and ors.

Mr. Md. Shamimuddin
Sk. Samiul Haque
Mr. Dhananjay Banerjee
Mr. Pralay Hazra

...for the petitioner

Mr. Jyoti Prakash Chatterjee

...for the State respondents

Mr. Abhratosh Majumder, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Arijit Bhowmick

...for the respondent nos. 3&4

1. Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.
2. The petitioner claims to have won lottery which was published by the Government of Nagaland. He alleges that the prize money has not been disbursed in his favour.
3. The petitioner has annexed an application for lottery prize and claims allegedly issued by the Government of Nagaland, Directorate of State Lotteries.
4. It appears therefrom that the petitioner submitted an application before the Nodal Officer of Nagaland State Lotteries having its Camp Office at Kolkata. Apart from a Camp Office within the State of West Bengal, the entire

activity of the lottery is conducted by the Government of Nagaland. The State of West Bengal hardly has a role to play in the matter.

5. Learned senior counsel representing the Nagaland State Lotteries and also the Nodal Officer of the said lotteries having its camp Office at Kolkata submits that this Court does not have the territorial jurisdiction to decide the issue.
6. There is a criminal complaint lodged against the petitioner. The petitioner has been directed to visit the concerned Officer in Nagaland and the petitioner duly attended the same.
7. It has been submitted that the records of the criminal case are lying within the jurisdiction of the State of Nagaland.
8. Upon hearing the parties, it appears that the petitioner has a claim against the Government of Nagaland. All records pertaining to the lottery and the records of the criminal case which is pending against the petitioner is within the jurisdiction of the State of Nagaland.
9. It will not be proper for this Court to interfere in this matter. The reliefs sought for by the petitioner in the instant writ petition cannot be allowed by this Court. The petitioner may approach before the competent Court within the

State of Nagaland for obtaining relief in accordance with law, if so advised.

10. The writ petition fails and is hereby dismissed.

11. Urgent certified photocopy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties expeditiously on compliance of usual legal formalities.

(Amrita Sinha,J.)