

Item No.
SL.907
SD
19.2.26

**In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side.**

WPA 1910 of 2026

**Manasi Maity
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Jayed Hossain ... For the Petitioner.

**Mr. Debasish Sur
Mr. Rajib Kumar Acharyya
... For the Respondent nos. 8 and 9.**

**Mr. Pantu Deb Roy
Mr. P. Bandopadhyay ... For the State.**

Affidavit of service filed in court today is taken on record.

This writ petition has been filed alleging inaction on the part of the respondents/State Authorities in taking steps for the removal of encroachment over the Government land.

Learned Advocate appearing for the petitioner has invited the attention of this court to a representation dated December 15, 2025 (Annexure P/2, at pages 12-13 of the writ petition) and submitted that despite the said representation having been made, the respondent/ State Authorities have not taken any step to remove the alleged encroachment on Government land.

Learned Advocate appearing for the respondent nos. 8 and 9 submits that the allegations

levelled by the petitioners are baseless and that the said respondents are not in unauthorized occupation of any Government/public land as alleged.

The State Respondents are represented.

Heard the learned Advocates appearing for the respective parties and considered the material on record.

Since a representation alleging unauthorized occupation and encroachment of Government land/public land has been made before the respondent no. 4, the said respondent should consider and dispose of the same in accordance with law.

Accordingly the respondent no. 4 ie. the Sub-divisional Officer, Tamluk Sub-Division is directed to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated December 15, 2025 in accordance with law upon affording an opportunity of hearing to all interested parties including the petitioner and the respondent nos. 8 and 9.

It is clarified that if the respondent no. 4 is satisfied that any case of unauthorized occupation and/or encroachment of Government/Public land has been made out the said respondent shall initiate appropriate proceedings in accordance with the

relevant Statute.

If such proceeding is initiated the same shall be concluded as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of eight weeks from the date of initiation thereof.

It is needless to mention that the respondent no. 4 shall be entitled to take due assistance of the relevant Block Land and Land Reforms Officer and the said Block Land and Land Reforms Officer shall remain obliged to assist the respondent No. 4 in arriving at a proper conclusion upon undertaking the relevant enquiry.

WPA 1910 of 2026 stands disposed of with the above observations.

However, there will be no order as to costs.

(Om Narayan Rai, J.)