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6. 05-03-2026

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WPA 4487 of 2026

Lalita Devi Shaw
Versus
State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Debasish Chattopadhyay
Mr. Loknath Paul
Mr. Tirthankar Basu
...for the petitioner
Md. Manuwar Ali
...for the State

Affidavit of service filed in Court is taken on record.

The petitioner claims to have acquired a leasehold interest in respect of a plot being Plot No. B-11/120, situated at Kalyani in the District of Nadia. The petitioner states that one Krishna Devi Chowdhury bequeathed her lease-hold interest of the plot in question in favour of the petitioner by a Last Will and Testament dated 17th August, 1998. Said Krishna Devi Chowdhury expired on 16th September, 1999 and the Last Will and Testament of said Krishna Devi Chowdhury was duly probated on 24th March, 2023 by this Hon'ble Court in PLA 284 of 2021. The petitioner thereafter applied for mutation before the Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal on 6th April, 2024.

The learned Advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner also submitted the indemnity bond for mutation of her name in respect of the aforesaid plot, but till date, no decision has been communicated to the petitioner.

The learned Counsel appearing for the State submits that the decision on the application submitted by the petitioner, shall be communicated to the petitioner within the time limit as may be fixed by this Court.

In the light of the submissions made by the learned Advocates for the respective parties and without entering into the merits of the claim made by the petitioner in the mutation application, WPA 4487 of 2026 stands disposed of by directing the Estate Manager, Department of Urban Development and Municipal Affairs, being the second respondent, to consider the application for testate mutation submitted by the petitioner on 6th April, 2024 and to dispose of the same as expeditiously as possible and communicate the reasoned order to the petitioner.

The entire exercise shall be completed as expeditiously as possible but positively within a period of eight weeks from date of receipt of a server copy of this order.

In the event any adverse decision on the mutation application is contemplated against the petitioner, an opportunity of hearing should be afforded to the petitioner or her authorized representative and the reasoned order shall be passed within the time limit mentioned hereinbefore.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Hiranmay Bhattacharyya, J.)