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Court No.19
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WPA 5448 of 2026

Nasiruddin Molla
-versus-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Mukteswar Maity
Mr. Sk. Md. Ismail
Mr. Manik Sarkar
Mr. Sk. Jayed
..for the petitioner

Mr. Md. Ahsanuz Zaman
Ms. Ujani Pal Samanta
..for the State

The petitioner claims to have participated in the e-auction conducted for settlement of a sand block by way of a mining lease.

The learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the Letter of Intent was not issued as the petitioner could not deposit the rest of the bid money for reasons beyond the control of the petitioner. He further submits that under similar circumstances the respondent authorities also allowed one M/s. Sanjit Hembram to deposit the rest of the bid money beyond time and the Letter of Intent was accordingly issued in his favour. He submits that the petitioner submitted a representation before the District Magistrate, Birbhum praying for issuance of Letter of Intent upon receiving the rest bid money but no decision on such representation has been communicated to the petitioner till date.

The learned advocate appearing for the State submits that the decision on such representation shall be communicated to the petitioner within the time limit as may be fixed by this Court.

Without entering into the merits of the claim made by the petitioner in the representation dated 16th December, 2025, WPA 5448 of 2026 stands disposed of by directing the District Magistrate, Birbhum being the 3rd respondent to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 16th February, 2025 and to dispose of the same by passing a reasoned order strictly in accordance with law after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner or his authorized representative and communicate the reasoned order to the petitioner as expeditiously as possible but positively within a period of six weeks from the receipt of a server copy of this order together with a copy of the representation dated 16th December, 2025. It will be open to the petitioner to place reliance upon any orders passed by the authority or any other notifications in this regard at the time of hearing before such authority.

There shall be however no order as to costs.

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

(Hiranmay Bhattacharyya, J.)