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Ct. No.-19
Aritra*

WPA 5908 of 2026

**Pravat Ranjan Changdar & Anr.
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Lalratan Mandal
Mr. Dilip Kumar Sadhu

....for the petitioners

Mr. Ayan Ch. Roy
Mr. Sutanu Chakrabarti

....for the State

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

The petitioners claim to be the owner of plot Nos.1/477, 147/510, 147/511 within Mouza-Naikanshole under Police Station-Sankrail in the District of Jhargram.

The petitioners allege that the respondent authorities are taking steps to construct a road by utilizing portions of the aforesaid property of the petitioners under a scheme "Pathasree" without initiating any proceeding for acquisition and requisition.

The Block Development Officer, Sankrail Development Block submitted a report vide memo No.928 dated March 18, 2026, which is taken on record. The report of the Officer-in-Charge of Sankrail Police Station filed by the learned advocate for the State is taken on record.

After going through the said report, this Court finds that an enquiry was conducted and a sketch map has

been prepared. From the report of the Revenue Inspector and the sketch map appended thereto, it *prima facie* appears to this Court that the portions of the aforesaid plots have been utilised for the purpose of construction of road.

The learned advocate appearing for the petitioners submits that no notice was served upon the petitioners prior to conducting the work of enquiry and demarcation by the Block Land & Land Reforms Officer.

Since it *prima facie* appears to this Court that portion of the plot claimed to be owned by the petitioners has been utilised for the purpose of construction of the road and from the Record of Right it appears that the said plots have been recorded in the name of *raiyat* and it is also not the case of the respondent authorities that any proceeding for acquisition or requisition has been initiated for the purpose of utilizing the said plots, this Court is of the considered view that a direction should be passed upon the concerned Block Development Officer to consider the grievances ventilated by the petitioners and to take a decision on such issue.

In the light of the submission made by the learned advocate for the respective parties, WPA 5908 of 2026 stands disposed of by giving liberty to the petitioners to file a comprehensive representation before the Block Development Officer, Sankrail, being the respondent No.4 ventilating their grievances and if such a representation is

submitted, the respondent No.4 shall consider and dispose of such representation after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, any other persons, who may be affected by such decision as well as the authorities of the respondent Nos.9 and 10 and/or their authorised representatives and communicate the reasoned order to the petitioners and others as expeditiously as possible but positively within a period of 10 weeks from the date of receipt of a server copy of this order along with a representation permitted to be submitted pursuant to this order.

The respondent authorities are restrained by an order of injunction from carrying out any construction on the plots in question without initiating any proceeding for acquisition or requisition till any decision is communicated by the respondent No.4.

There will be no order as to costs.

All parties shall act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Hiranmay Bhattacharyya, J.)