17.11.2026
rc/ct.no.15
Item No.54

WPA No. 7711 of 2025
Smt. Chandana Singha
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Balaram Neogi ..for the petitioner

Mr. Dilip Kumar Shyamal …for the State

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioners is taken on record.

The Panchayat and the private respondent are not represented despite service.

The petitioner applied for water connection at his residence under the scheme of the Central Government "Ghar Ghar Ka Pani" through the Pradhan, Mogra –I Gram Panchayat, Hooghly which not being considered, she approached this Court in a writ petition being WPA No. 23011 of 2023. By an order passed on February 26, 2024, a coordinate Bench of this Court directed the concerned authority to take a decision on the application filed by the petitioner in accordance with the scheme after granting reasonable opportunity of hearing to all the necessary parties within a stipulated timeframe. In compliance with the said order, the Pradhan took up the issue for consideration and by an order passed on April 15, 2024 held that the ownership status of the petitioner in her residential house was subjudice. The application was

referred to the Public Health Engineering Department, Hooghly, for necessary action.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that no further step has been taken by the department till date. The petitioner is a tenant in respect of the house in question under the private respondent who has been granted a decree for her eviction therefrom. The said judgment has been carried in appeal by the petitioner. The appeal is pending.

Pendency of the appeal cannot, in my considered view, stand in the way of extending water connection to the petitioner's residential house. Since the issue is pending before the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department, Hooghly Division, being the 5th respondent herein, the said respondent is directed to deal with the issue and pass a reasoned order within four weeks from the date of communication of this order upon granting reasonable opportunity of hearing to all concerned including the petitioner, in accordance with law.

The decision taken by the authority shall be communicated to the parties within a week thereof.

In the event the said authority arrives at a decision in favour of the petitioner, necessary consequential steps be taken at the earliest.

The writ petition is disposed of.

There shall, however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

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

(Suvra Ghosh,J)