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WPA 18096 of 2023
CAN 1 of 2024

Nripendranath Kundu and others
-Versus-

The State of West Bengal and others

Mr. Amitabha Ghosh,
Mr. Nabamita Chatterjee

..for the petitioners.

Mr. Srijan Nayak,
Mrs. Rituparna Maitra

... for the Balurghat Municipality.

1. The instant writ petition has been filed by the petitioners, praying, inter alia, to set aside and/or cancel the impugned annual valuation of 2014 forthwith.
2. Having heard the submissions of both sides and upon perusal of the record and annexures thereto, this Court finds that pursuant to the leave granted by the Division Bench of this Hon'ble High Court vide order dated 05.06.2023 in connection with WPA (P) No. 231 of 2023, eighteen petitioners made representations before the respondent nos. 1 to 3 and also forwarded the same to the respondent nos. 4 and 5 herein seeking intervention to stem whimsical, arbitrary, exploitative, discriminatory and unlawful assessments of annual valuation of the property situated at Balurghat Municipality.

3. Such representation was made on 24.06.2023. Despite such leave granted by the Division Bench and representations made by writ petitioners, no representation has been considered by any of the authorities.
4. The writ petitioners allege that Balurghat Municipality has implemented a valuation which was valued in the year 2014, although the then elected Board objected to such valuation when it was found that there were lots of anomalies in the computation of the annual valuation of the respective properties under the respondent municipality. Even then, the respondent municipality is trying to impose such annual valuation upon the petitioners.
5. Such contention of the learned counsel for the petitioners is denied and disputed by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Balurghat Municipality.
6. Whatever may be the situation, representation is under consideration at the respondents' authorities; therefore, no useful purpose will be served by keeping the writ petition pending.
7. The writ petition being **WPA 18096 of 2023** is, accordingly, disposed of by directing the respondent no. 2 to consider and disposed of the representation made by the petitioners strictly in accordance with law and pass

reasoned order, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the writ petitioners and/or other necessary parties upon prior notice to them within a period of four weeks from the date of communication of this order together with copy of writ petition and communicate the reasoned order to all necessary parties including the petitioners immediately thereafter. All points are left open to be decided by the aforesaid respondent at the time of consideration of the representation of the petitioners.

8. It is made clear that this Court has not entered into the merits of this case, the allegations whatsoever made in the writ petition are not deemed to be admitted by the respondents.
9. Consequently, the connected pending application being **CAN 1 of 2024** is also disposed of.
10. There will be no order as to costs.
11. All parties shall act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)