

In the High Court at Calcutta

Special Civil Jurisdiction

Appellate Side

Contempt

07 17.4.2026
Sc Ct. No.38

Case No. : CPAN 1483 OF 2025
in
WPA 2015 OF 2025

In the matter of :

Kakali Biswas & Ors.

..Petitioners

-vs.-

Mouli Sanyal,
Special Land Acquisition Officer,
North 24 Parganas, Barasat
....alleged Contemnor/Opposite Party

Mr. Bittu Bhowmik
Special Land Acquisition Officer,
North 24 Parganas, Barasat

..New Incumbent as
alleged Contemnor

For the Petitioners:

Mr. Subhabrata Dutta
Mr. Swapan Kumar Kar.

....Advocates

For the New Incumbent as alleged Contemnor:

Mr. Ayan Banerjee
Mr. Ajeyo Chowdhury.

....Advocates

This is a contempt proceeding arising from an
order dated **February 12, 2025**.

Mr. Subhabrata Dutta, learned Advocate being
ably assisted by Mr. Swapan Kumar Kar, learned
Advocate appears for the petitioners.

Mr. Ayan Banerjee, learned Advocate being ably
assisted by Mr. Ajeyo Chowdhury, learned Advocate
appearing for alleged contemnor has submitted a report

of compliance with a forwarding letter dated **March 24, 2026**, issued by the alleged contemnor, the same is taken on record. A copy of the compliance report has already been served upon the petitioners.

The compliance report shows that, the reasoned order dated **May 14, 2025** has already been passed by the alleged contemnor and the same has already been communicated to the petitioners.

Mr. Subhabrata Dutta, learned Advocate appearing for the petitioners submits that, the said reasoned order has not been passed in accordance with law as directed by this court and therefore, this contempt.

After considering the submissions made on behalf of the parties and upon considering the materials on record and specifically on perusing the reasoned order this Court is of the view that, this Court, while exercising its contempt jurisdiction, is not authorized and empowered to assess the quality and worth of the reasoned order. The Court of Contempt is only concerned with whether the direction of the Court has been willfully and deliberately violated by the alleged contemnor.

Considering the consequence of the punishment in a contempt proceeding, which is grave in nature, the Court shall also apply its authority and discretion judiciously.

The reasoned order if, according to the petitioners, is not in accordance with law, it shall always be left open to the petitioners to challenge the same through an appropriate legal proceeding, if so advised, in accordance with law for which this Court shall not exercise its contempt jurisdiction.

In view of the above, nothing further survives in this contempt proceeding.

The contempt proceeding, ***CPAN 1483 of 2025*** stands ***dropped*** and ***closed***.

The application, ***CPAN 1483 of 2025*** stands ***disposed of***.

However, the petitioners shall be at liberty to take steps in accordance with law if they are aggrieved with the worth of the reasoned order in accordance with law, if so advised.

(Aniruddha Roy, J.)