Form No. J(2)

In the High Court at Calcutta

Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction

Appellate Side

Present: The Hon'ble Justice Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya
And
The Hon'ble Justice Md. Shabbar Rashidi

WPLRT No. 223 of 2026

Asim Chandra Kha
Vs.
The State of West Bengal and others

For the petitioner : Mr. Lakshminath Bhattacharya,
Mr. Subhankar Bose, Advs.

For the State : Mr. Nilanjan Bhattacharjee, Sr. Standing Counsel,
Ms. J. D. Chakraborty, Jr. Govt. Adv.,
Ms. Avantika Chakraborty, Adv.

Heard on : November 17, 2026.

Judgment on : November 17, 2026.

Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.:-

1. The affidavit-of-service filed today be kept on record.

2. The petitioner seeks expeditious hearing of an original application pending before the West Bengal Land Reforms and Tenancy Tribunal.

3. The genesis of the case is an application made by the petitioner before the appropriate authority for grant of long term lease in respect of a

land which originally belonged to the father of the petitioner but subsequently was recorded as vested. Upon such application, in reply, the said authority intimated that the land was a raiyati land and accordingly no long term lease could be granted.

4. Upon such intimation, the petitioner took out an application for correction of the records of rights to the effect that the said plots ought to be recorded as raiyati plot in the name of the petitioner instead of as a vested land.

5. A representation to that effect was kept pending, prompting the petitioner to take out OA No. 1675 of 2026 (LRTT).

6. By the impugned order dated August 7, 2026, the Tribunal has merely directed the State to file a status report with regard to the property, which is in consonance with the prayer of the petitioner as well as the submission of the State.

7. Thus, we do not find any illegality in the impugned order.

8. However, keeping in view the long pendency of the dispute, we dispose of WPLRT No. 223 of 2026 by requesting the First Bench, West Bengal Land Reforms and Tenancy Tribunal to positively take up for hearing original application, bearing OA No. 1675 of 2026 (LRTT) pending before it, on the next date fixed, that is, on June 30, 2027 and to dispose of the matter as expeditiously thereafter as possible, preferably within a fortnight from the said date.

9. The State shall positively file the status report as directed by the Tribunal, upon service of advance copy of the same to the petitioner, on the returnable date.

10. There will be no order as to costs.

11. Urgent Photostat certified copies of this judgment, if applied for, be made available to the parties upon compliance with the requisite formalities.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)

I agree.

(Md. Shabbar Rashidi, J.)