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Court No.3
BP/AGM

WPA 31414 of 2026

Sharda Pratap Singh
-versus-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Soumen Bhattacharya
Ms. Sretapa Sinha
Mr. Ankan Das
..for the petitioner

Mr. Piyush Chaturvedi. Sr. Adv.
Mr. Tarun Kumar Das
..for the State

Mr. Jayanta Sengupta
Mr. Sayak Ranjan Ganguly
Ms. Simrim Hussain
.. for the respondent nos. 9 and 10.

1. Affidavit-of-service filed in Court today is taken on record.
2. The petitioner has filed the present writ petition praying for various reliefs.
3. The primary grievance of the petitioner appears to be non-consideration of a complaint dated October 22, 2026 addressed to the respondent nos. 1 to 7.
4. Learned advocate representing the petitioner submits that till date, such representation has not yet been considered.
5. Learned Senior advocate representing the State respondents submits that the petitioner does not have the locus to file the writ petition. He further

submits that the writ petition is not maintainable.

6. Learned advocate representing the private respondents echoed the submission made by the learned senior counsel representing the State respondents. He also denies the allegations in the writ petition and submits that there are no water bodies on the subject land and they are Shalli lands. He further submits that such lands have not vested in the State.

7. I have considered the submissions made on behalf of the parties and I have considered the materials on record.

8. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of by directing the District Magistrate and Collector, Howrah to consider the complaint dated October 22, 2026 addressed to, inter alia, him by the petitioner and dispose of the same by a reasoned order in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of communication of this order to him.

9. Needless to say, a copy of the decision to be taken by the District Magistrate and Collector, Howrah will be intimated to the petitioner as well as the private respondent nos. 9 and 10.

10. I clarify that I have not gone into the merit of the matter and I have not addressed the issues

regarding the maintainability of this writ petition and the locus of the petitioner to file the writ petition before this Court.

11. Since no affidavit has been called for, the allegations made in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted by the respondents.

12. The writ petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid observations and directions.

13. However, there shall be no order as to costs.

14. Urgent certified photocopy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties expeditiously on compliance of usual legal formalities.

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

(Rishad Medora, J.)