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WPA 6807 of 2020
with
IA No: CAN 1 of 2020 (CAN 5786 of 2020)
(Via Video Conference)

Lakshmipur Sangyukta
Krishak Sangram Samity & Ors
Vs.
Union of India & Ors.

Mr. Mukunda lal Sarkar
....for the petitioners.

Mr. Vipul Kundalia,
Mr. Debu Chowdhury
.....for the respondent nos.1,
2, 3, 10, 11 & 12.

Mr. Soumya Majumder,
Mr. Uttam Kumar Mandal
....for the respondent no.9.

The petitioners complain of forcible encroachment and taking over possession of land by the various government authorities without due process of law.

The records reveal that in August 24, 2012, an order was passed by a Division Bench of this Court presided over by the then the Chief Justice by which the Additional District Magistrate (Land Acquisition), Malda was directed to expedite the proceedings in respect of payment of compensation to those affected persons, whose lands have been acquired for public purposes.

The petitioners say that despite such direction no steps have been taken since 2012 for the payment of

compensation. It appears that the petitioners have not filed any contempt proceedings in connection with the order dated August 24, 2012. The petitioners have made representation and have filed the instant writ petition.

There is no scope of passing any interim order at this stage.

The respondent authorities are directed to file affidavit-in-opposition jointly or severally peremptorily within a period of six weeks from date indicating therein what steps have been taken for the payment of compensation to those affected persons, whose lands have been acquired for public purposes. Affidavit-in-reply, if any, be filed within three weeks thereafter.

Let the matter appear in the list on 14th December, 2020 or any date thereafter subject to convenience of the Court.

(Arindam Mukherjee, J.)