

16.07.2026
Item No.19 (DL)
Court No.7
A.J.

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION**

W.P.A. 14727 of 2026

**Basanti Sardar & Anr.
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Sanjib Seth.
...for the petitioners.

Mr. Debanjan Mukherjee,
Ms. Oindrila Ghosal.
.....for the CESC Ltd.

Mr. Purnasish Gupta,
Mr. Jayanta Kumar Mukhopadhyay,
Ms. Anindita Ghosh.
.....for the respondent nos.7, 9 & 10.

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.

2. This writ petition alleges arbitrariness on the part of the District Magistrate, Howrah in disposing of the proceeding initiated in terms of the order dated December 20, 2022 passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in WPA 7126 of 2021.

3. The petitioners had approached this Court challenging the action of the respondent CESC Authorities in granting electricity connection to one Ula Sub Centre, the respondent no.8 herein allegedly in violation of an order passed by a competent Civil Court. The said writ petition was disposed of by an order dated December 20, 2022 leaving it open to the

petitioner to take appropriate steps in the civil suit itself and without entering into the question of violation of the order of injunction as alleged. The petitioners were granted liberty to approach the relevant District Magistrate having territorial jurisdiction over the area in question with the dispute raised in the said writ petition pertaining to the allegation that electricity connection had been given to the respondent no.8 over the property of the writ petitioners.

4. In terms of the said order, the District Magistrate initiated a proceeding and by an order dated April 29, 2025 directed the Block Development Officer, Sankrail Block to conduct a joint field inspection together with the BL & LRO Sankrail Block and the District Engineer, CESC Limited, Howrah with prior intimation to the petitioners and the private respondents. Although, by the said order the District Magistrate called for a report to be submitted within seven days, it was recorded in the order that the matter stood "disposed of".

5. The petitioners are aggrieved on the ground that the proceeding itself has been disposed of by the District Magistrate without affording the petitioners any opportunity to take exception to the joint inspection report filed on the basis of the inspection that was conducted

pursuant to the direction passed by the District Magistrate on April 29, 2025.

6. It is thus that the petitioners have approached this Court.

7. Mr. Gupta, learned Advocate appearing for the respondent nos. 7, 9 and 10 seeks time to place before this Court certain orders passed in other writ petitions.

8. As prayed for, list this matter after a week.

(Om Narayan Rai, J.)