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Ct.No. 03

**WPA 19114 of 2024**

**Jai Balaji Industries Limited & Anr.**  
**-vs.-**  
**The Minister-in-Charge, Department of**  
**Urban Development & Municipal Affairs, Govt. of**  
**W.B. & Ors.**

Mr. Supratim Dhar  
Mr. Shantimoye Bhattacharya  
Mr. Anirudhya Dutta

...for the Petitioners

Mr. Sayan Sinha  
Mr. Nilanjan Bhattacharya

...for the Bongaon Municipality

1. The Municipality has filed a report in the form of an affidavit before this Court and in paragraph- 5p, q, and r thereof has categorically stated that the petitioners could not complete the entire work that was assigned by Bongaon Municipality within the time stipulated and/or the extended time. The Bongaon Municipality has refunded such amount of the petitioners' security deposit and/or earnest money, which was proportionate to the amount of work, executed by the petitioners and has withheld the balance amount of the security deposit and/or earnest

money, since the rest of the work has not been completed by the petitioners.

2. It is not the case of the Municipality that the withheld amount has been forfeited.

3. Going by the case made out in the report and since Mr. Dhar, learned advocate appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners were always eager to complete the work, I am of the view that the matter can be referred to **mediation** for the parties to find out workable solution, if possible.

4. Accordingly, the matter is made returnable in the Monthly Combined List of July, 2026 under the heading '**To Be Mentioned**' to ascertain the outcome of the mediation proceedings.

5. The office is directed to communicate this order to the Member Secretary, Mediation and Conciliation Committee.

**(Raja Basu Chowdhury, J.)**