

WPA 27298 of 2022

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Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The petitioner assailed the order passed by the Block Land and Land Reforms Officer, Singur, Hooghly on 14th November, 2022 under Section 4C(5) of the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 on the ground that the Block Land and Land Reforms Officer has no authority/jurisdiction to pass an order under the said provision of law.

Learned counsel for the private respondent has placed reliance on a notification being No.4296-LR/1A/05-07/GE(M) dated 17th September, 2009 issued by the Land and Land Reforms Department, Government of West Bengal which demonstrates that the Block Land and Land Reforms Officer has jurisdiction to deal with conversion of agricultural land not exceeding 0.10 acres.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the land involved in the present writ petition is 0.29 acres.

Learned counsel for the State respondents seeks to take instructions with regard to the jurisdiction/authority of the Block Land and Land Reforms Officer to issue such an order.

Let the matter appear under the same heading on 6th March, 2023.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)