

01.07.2025
Item No.13
Court No.01
S.Bag(AR(CR))

**In the High Court at Calcutta
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri**

WPA/631/2020

**SRI ASHIM KUMAR DUTTA AND ORS
VS
THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND ORS**

Mr. Ajay Singhal, Adv.
...for the petitioner

Mr.Subit Kumar Saha, AGP
Mr. Nabankur Paul, Adv.
...for the State

The writ petition was filed as far back as on 5 March, 2020. There have been repeated orders directing the respondent State to file their Affidavit-in-Opposition.

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioners that despite payment of costs assessed at Rs.15,000/-, the respondent State has chosen not to file the Affidavit-in-Opposition.

The above factual narration is not disputed by Mr. Saha appearing for the State.

It is submitted on behalf of the State that the concerned officer who is in charge of furnishing instructions is the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Darjeeling.

In view of the repeated disregard of the orders of Court, the Special Land Acquisition Officer, Darjeeling is directed to be personally present in Court on 2nd July, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Significantly, the initial order for filing of affidavit was passed as far back as in 2020 and repeated orders have been passed thereafter on multiple occasions.

(RAVI KRISHAN KAPUR, J.)