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*CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
IN THE CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI*

WPA 1001 of 2026

Mr. Kesang Tshering Lama
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Regean Lama,
Miss Nancy Gurung,
Mr. Vishal Mukhia
...for the Petitioner
Mr. Samar Rakshit,
Ms. Somdutta Patra
...for the State
Mr. Hasang Bhutia
...for the Municipality

The petitioner was awarded a work order for the "Proposed Reconstruction of the Municipal Building Gutted by Fire between Cart Road and N.B. Singh Road, Darjeeling" by a letter dated May 17, 2012, issued by the Darjeeling Municipality. The value of the work order was Rs. 54,55,596/-.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that, despite having successfully executed the work in terms of the work order, the petitioner has been paid only a sum of Rs. 30,00,000/-. It is contended that an amount of Rs. 24,55,596/- remains outstanding and unpaid.

Learned advocate appearing for the Darjeeling Municipality, however, submits that the relevant file pertaining to the work order could not be traced and, therefore, the balance payment could not be released. It is, however, submitted that the petitioner's claim shall be considered by the Municipality in accordance with law.

Having regard to the aforesaid submissions, this Court disposes of the writ petition by directing the Darjeeling Municipality to consider the petitioner's claim for release of the outstanding dues and to pass a reasoned order in accordance with law within a period of four weeks from the date of communication of this order.

Accordingly, **WPA 1001 of 2026** is disposed of.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Kausik Chanda, J.)