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**CIRCUIT BENCH OF CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
AT JALPAIGURI**

WPA 1460 of 2025

Subhankar Nandi
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Partha Sarath Das,
Mr. Sampad Dar,
Ms. Avipsha Dutta,
.... for the petitioner

Mr. Joyjit Choudhury,AAG.,
Mr. Bedashruti Bose,
Mr. Sumit Kumar,
.... for the State.

The petitioner assails a notice dated February 9, 23025 issued by the Forest Range Officer, Ambari Range District Jalpaiguri. It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the land in question is being used by the petitioner upon the same being granted to the petitioner by way of Patta and the notice has been wrongly issued..

Learned Additional Advocate General appearing on behalf of the State authorities submits that the petitioner has violated the provisions of Forest Act and has been carrying out commercial activities over forest land. It is further submitted that the petitioner has acted in violation of the conditions of the Patta as well.

Having heard learned counsel appearing for the parties and having considered the material on record, this Court is of the view that the issues raised require consideration and it would therefore be appropriate to call for affidavits. The respondents shall file their affidavits-in-opposition to the writ petition within three weeks from date. Petitioner shall be at liberty to file affidavits-in reply thereto, if any, within week thereafter.

Having regard to the nature of the case and the allegation levelled, there is no scope for passing any interim order as at present.

List the matter before the next available Circuit Bench immediately after expiry of the time fixed for exchange of affidavits.

(Om Narayan Rai, J.)