

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
[CIRCUIT BENCH AT PORT BLAIR]

WPA/54/2026

Shri S. Kamaraj

Vs

The Lt. Governor and Others

Mr. Rajinder Singh ... for the petitioner

Mr. Rakesh Kumar ... for the respondents

February 10, 2026
[MH]
Item No.11

The Learned Counsel for the petitioner has stated that the notice dated 26.01.2026 is in violation of the guidelines 12(iii) as laid down in the judgment reported in *AIR (2015) SC 696 (State of Punjab and Others- versus - Rafiq Masih (White Washer))*. The Learned Counsel has further submitted that there is no mention that audit has been done in respect of the allegation that excess payment has been made to the petitioner. He prays for an interim order for staying the proposed action mentioned in the said notice immediately.

The Learned Counsel appearing for the official respondents has submitted that the said notice dated 13.01.2026 is based on an audit report.

Let affidavit-in-opposition be filed within two weeks from date. Reply thereto, if any, be filed within a week thereafter.

Till further hearing it is expected that the official respondents shall not take any steps in violation of the paragraph 12 (iii) of the judgment *Rafiq Masih (White Washer) (Supra)*.

List the matter before the then available Circuit Bench,
subject to its convenience.

(Apurba Sinha Ray, J.)