

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

WPA/101/2026

Ujjwal Roy

Vs

The Superintending Engineer & Anr.

Mr. K. Mohammed Sheheer ... for the petitioner

Mr. S.C. Mishra ... for the Respondents

March 16, 2026
[AKB]
Item No.6

1. Affidavit-of-service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.
2. This writ petition has been filed for inaction and non action on the part of the respondent authorities by not providing electric meter connection to the house of the petitioner despite the petitioner has fulfilled all the requisites as per policy decision of the respondent authorities.
3. The learned advocate representing the petitioner submits before this Court that he has encroached and occupied a piece of government revenue land bearing Survey No. 200, measuring an area of 200 Sq.mtrs., situated at Azad Nagar, Wimberlygunj village under Ferrargunj Teshil, South Andaman District, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and residing there by constructing a residential house for more than twenty years.
4. It is further submitted that the present petitioner filed a representation on 24.01.2026, but as of now no reply has been given in respect of the same.
5. The learned advocate representing the authorities submits that the representation is under consideration and

letter has been issued to the Forest Department in order to ascertain whether the land he is occupying is coming under Forest land or not. It is further submitted that the authority will dispose of the application within a period of two weeks from this date.

6. Having heard the submission and on perusal of the materials on record it transpires that the application is pending since January, 2026 in respect of the electricity connection which is an essential amenities to be provided even to a trespasser. However, since the issue has been raised about encroachment of a forest land a definite decision is to be taken by the authority regarding entitlement of such amenities.

7. Hence, the respondent No.2 is directed to dispose of the application either by giving a suitable reply at an earliest after giving him opportunity of hearing or by providing the electric connection if otherwise he is entitled.

8. Since point has been raised regarding reply to be given by the Forest Department, it is expected that Forest Department will also assist the present respondent No.2 in order to arriving at a logical conclusion.

9. Let the matter appear on 23.03.2026 under the heading 'For Orders'.

10. Parties are directed to act on the serve copy of this order.

(Chaitali Chatterjee (Das), J.)