

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

WPA/155/2025

Shri Sukh Charan Singh and Others

Vs.

The Union of India and Others

Mr. Lokesh Chezian N. for the petitioners

Mr. Shatadru Chakraborty, Sr.Adv.
Mr. Dibesh Dwivedi ... for the Administration

Mr. V.D.Sivabalan ... for the Union of India

March 20, 2025
[SR]
Item No.2

1. The petitioner is a victim of Tsunami. The Administration has decided to pay compensation for the submerged land belonging to the islanders. Thereafter, it was felt that having regard to the nature and magnitude of sufferance compensation paid was found to be inadequate and accordingly, a Committee was constituted by the Union of India on 1st May, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Shri Vivek Rae, Ex-Chief Secretary, A & N Administration to examine the land matters of the A & N Administration. The committee has filed a report and the same is under consideration before the Ministry concerned.

2. The petitioner has earlier received compensation for a portion of the land submerged. The Administration has determined an additional compensation of Rs.17,01,938/- in respect of the land mentioned in the memorandum dated 28th January, 2022.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that this amount may be released and additional compensation, if any, may await till a final decision is taken on the recommendation of the committee.

4. Mr. V.D.Sivabalan, learned advocate, who usually represents the Union of India, is requested to appear in this matter. His appointment may be regularized accordingly.

5. The matter is adjourned till Monday (24.03.2025) in order to enable the Administration and the learned counsel for the Union of India to obtain necessary instruction regarding the acceptance of the report prepared under the Chairmanship of Shri Vivek Rae and also from the Administration with regard to the release of 17,01,938/-, which claims to be the compensation determined by the Administration subject to payment of further compensation as recommended by Vivek Rae Committee.

6. Although copy of the writ petition has been served upon the Administration, a copy of the writ petition is now served upon the learned counsel for the Administration in order to enable the learned counsel to obtain necessary instruction in this regard. A copy of the writ petition is also be served in Court today upon Mr. V.D.Sivabalan, learned counsel in order to enable him to obtain instruction in this regard. A report shall be filed by the respondents on the adjourned date i.e. on Monday (24.03.2025).

7. The matter shall be listed on 24th March, 2025.

(Soumen Sen, J.)