

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

WPA/244/2025

Shri Birsa Munda

Vs.

The Andaman and Nicobar Administration and Others

Mr. K. M. B. Jayapal ... for the petitioner

Mr. Partha Sarthi ... for the respondents
(on behalf of Ms. Babita Das)

June 10, 2025
[AKB]
Item No.9

Mr. KMB Jayapal, learned advocate for the petitioner submits that this is the fourth round of litigation. The petitioner is in occupation of the land under survey no. 123/17 measuring 135 Sq. mtrs at village Austinabad, Port Blair. Licence of occupation of land was issued under Rule 164 of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Land Revenue and Land Reforms Regulations 1966. The petitioner applied for recording his name in the Record of Rights and also for acceptance of premium of land in respect of the land against which licence to occupy has been issued in favour of the petitioner. However, the same has been turned down by the authorities despite there being orders of the Hon'ble Court on the sole ground that the petitioner is in possession of the excess land which has to be surrendered. The aforesaid ground is palpably baseless. Hence this writ petitioner seeks for appropriate orders directing the respondent authorities for issuance of order for recording the name of the petitioner in their records and for accepting premium of the land in respect of which licence to occupy has been issued in favour of petitioner.

Learned advocate representing the respondents seeks two weeks accommodation to file affidavit-in-opposition.

Let such affidavit-in-opposition be filed within two weeks from date. Advance copy of such affidavit-in-opposition be served upon the learned advocate appearing

for the petitioner. Reply thereto, if any, be filed within a week thereto.

Since respondent authorities are represented, on the prayer of learned advocate for the petitioner, filing of affidavit-of-service is dispensed with.

Let the matter appear before the next available Circuit Bench.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)