

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

WPA/331/2026

Smti. Chintamani

Vs

The Andaman and Nicobar Administration and Others

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

Mr. Rakesh Kumar ... for the respondents

July 07, 2026
[AKB]
Item No.2

This writ petition seeks a issuance of a writ of mandamus commanding the respondents to take “effective steps to raise construction of a public cement concrete drainage with all precautions” since the petitioner’s property is being adversely affected by water overflowing the said drain.

The petitioner’s request for construction of such drain has been turned down by Executive Engineer (P) – I, APWD, Sri Vijaya Puram by a communication dated February 01, 2026 by observing that the drain in question was constructed by the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council and the matter pertains to the said Municipal Council only. By the said communication, the petitioner has been requested to approach the said Municipal Council.

Mr. Jayapal, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner insists that the appropriate authority is APWD itself and not the Municipal Council.

In such view of the matter the stand of the respondents must come before the Court on affidavit.

Accordingly let affidavit-in-opposition to the writ petition be filed by the respondents within three weeks from date. Affidavit-in-reply thereto, if any, be filed within a week thereafter.

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

(Om Narayan Rai, J.)