

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

WPA/344/2026

Andaman Plantations and Development Corporation Private
Limited and Another

Vs

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor and Others

Mr. Asif Hussain

(through Virtual Mode)

Mrs. Shipra Mandal

... for the petitioner

Mr. Sumit Kumar Karmakar

... for the respondent Nos. 1 to 5

July 07, 2026

[AKB]

Item No.7

This writ petition lays challenge to an order dated May 25, 2026 passed by the Assistant Commissioner, Relief and Disaster Management, South Andaman, Sri Vijaya Puram whereby the petitioner's claim for payment of compensation in lieu of submerged land following the disastrous Tsunami that took place in 2004 has been declined.

The respondent Nos. 1 to 5 are represented through Mr. Sumit Kumar Karmakar, learned advocate. None appears for the respondent No. 6.

Having heard Mr. Hussain, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner and Mr. Karmakar, learned advocate appearing for the respondent Nos. 1 to 6 this Court is of the view that the issues raised in the writ petition ought to be decided after giving an opportunity to the respondents to file their affidavits-in-opposition.

Accordingly, let the affidavit-in-opposition to the writ petition be filed within four weeks from date.

As prayed for by Mr. Hussain, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner, affidavit-in-reply thereto, be filed within two weeks thereafter.

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

(Om Narayan Rai, J.)