

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

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**WPA/419/2025**

Mr. Rubdeep Singh

Vs.

The Lieutenant Governor and Others

Ms. Anjili Nag, Sr. Adv.

Ms. K. Bhawani .... for the petitioner

Mr. Rakesh Kumar ... for the respondent nos.1,2,4&5

Mr. V.D.Sivabalan ... for the respondent no.3

February 10, 2026

[SR]

*Item No.57*

The only issue in controversy in this writ petition is whether or not the petitioner's land is a part of the reserved forest.

When the writ petition was moved, by an order dated September 02, 2025, a learned Judge of this Court had directed the Forest Department to file a report in the form of an affidavit clarifying the nature of the subject land. That report is yet to be filed.

Learned advocate representing the Forest Department says that the department is pursuing the matter with due diligence. He hands up copies of two letters dated October 23, 2025 and December 15, 2025 addressed by the Divisional Forest Officer, South Andaman to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman

and Nicobar Islands. Let the letters be kept with the records.

I am told that the concerned Tehsildar is not extending due cooperation or assistance to the officers of the Forest Department to demarcate the land in question. Demarcation is absolutely essential as otherwise the department will not be able to file the report that has been called for.

The concerned Tehsildar is directed to extend all cooperation and assistance to the Forest Department officers in demarcating the land in question so that the Court's order dated September 02, 2025 can be complied with at the earliest.

Demarcation of the land should be completed within two weeks from date. Let this order be communicated to the concerned Tehsildar immediately by learned advocate for the petitioner.

List this matter once again after three weeks before the then available Circuit Bench, subject to its convenience.

**( Arijit Banerjee, J.)**