

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

WPA/450/2024

Ravindran

Vs.

Union of India and Ors.

Mr. Gopala Binnu Kumar ... for the petitioners

Mr. Rakesh Kumar ... for the respondents

August 5, 2026
[SR]
Item No.15

1. It appears that the time to file affidavit-in-opposition was extended on the prayer of the respondents on four occasions. Instead of affidavit-in-opposition, a report has been filed by the respondent nos.2 to 7.

2. The report does not answer the contention of the petitioner and documents annexed to the writ petition that several similarly placed government employees have been allotted permanent shelters in terms of the Scheme of the year 2005 for Tsunami victim.

3. As on date, the allegations of the petitioner are remained uncontroverted. This Court could have disposed of the writ petition based on the report of the Administration, however, since it is argued that the writ petitioner otherwise a permanent resident of Port Blair and may have alternative accommodation, this Court in the interest of justice, permits the respondents to use an affidavit-in-opposition to the writ petition within a week from date. Reply, if any, be filed within a week thereafter.

4. This Court has not imposed costs on the Administration only due to earnest request made by Mr. Rakesh Kumar. This Court expresses its anguish and disappointment with the Administration's apathy in not choosing to deal with the allegations in the writ petition. Such conduct is deprecated.

5. The only consideration based on which this Court is allowing the final chance to the Administration to use affidavit-in-opposition is that the public land and money will have to be allotted to the petitioner in the event he succeeds in the writ petition.

6. List the matter before the next available Circuit Bench in the first week subject to its business permitting.

7. List accordingly.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)