

**west bengal
land & land reforms
officers' association**



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To
The Land Reforms Commissioner
&
Secretary
L. & L.R. & R.R. & R. Department
West Bengal

**Sub: Criminal case being initiated against quasi judicial authorities
while performing statutory functions as provided in the Act.**

Respected Madam,

In our letter addressed to your kind authority dated 10.04.2022 we had highlighted this issue of **Police action against officials performing quasi judicial functions** in point number 4.

This is further to bring to your kind notice that such events are increasing day by day and our Revenue Officers and which includes Block Land & Land Reforms officers are falling prey to the same.

As it is well known and we had brought into your kind notice the immunity provided under section 58 of the W.B.L.R Act. Previously a similar incident occurred in the District of Purba Burdwan and the concerned Revenue Officer who is our member had to contest the matter on his own. Needless to say that as an association we stood behind him and the Hon'ble High Court was kind enough to uphold the provisions of section 58 of the W.B.L.R Act in C.R.R 1487 of 2020 and C.R.R 1488 of 2020. We communicated the matter to the Judicial Department, the P&AR Department and L&LR Department soon after.

The incident that has happened in Srirampore, Hooghly is quite different. The Hon'ble High Court has taken up the issue on an application for anticipatory Bail and our Department is not the party in the matter but the cause of action originates from disposal of a warrish mutation case. The Revenue officer after checking the death and legal heir certificate submitted before her allowed the mutation on 21.10.2021. Since the matter is sub judice the association is restrained in devolving particular details of the case.

Now at that period of time and even now the officials of our department had forgotten to count Saturday as holidays. Working hour then had got extended from 7 to 9 hours mostly. Staff strength has reduced and at that period of time about 3 Revenue Inspectors were posted in place of 12 in the concerned block. How will one apply quasi judicial mind? Even if one tries to apply how will one get the support of infrastructure?

The incident has caused awe and fear amongst the officers as a whole and we as a cadre representing association feel it necessary to bring it to your knowledge.

We feel and believe that the Department will stand behind the officer till the end but with it we like to bring to your notice another important fact. Of recent the police authorities at the block level after receipt of any complaint are asking for names of the disposing official. The sole purpose is to register a case against the concerned officer. Now in any recording the decision of the officer goes against either of the parties so naturally one will get aggrieved and if he lodges police complaint and police behaves in such a way then there are chance that every Revenue officer will be having handful of cases registered against him each day. This particular problem needs to be addressed at the outset. The District authorities may be directed from your kind end to sit with their police counterparts such that the police authorities at the P.S level gets informed. Not only that the police authorities may be requested to obtain information if any required through D.L&L.R.Os.

We will also request you to publicise the kind of work that is performed at the level of B.L&L.R.Os through pamphlets and flex and also the kind of work that B.L&L.R.Os could not do on their own.

Many a time's reports are coming out in the media maligning our department and for which we are not responsible.

We know that your kind authority will take up the matter at the earliest.

Thanking you.

Enclosure:

1. Our letter vide Ref. No. 02/WBLLROA/2020-21, dated. 19.02.2020
2. Our letter vide Ref. No. 38/WBLLROA/2020-21, dated. 19.01.2021
3. Our letter vide Ref. No. 34/WBLLROA/2020-21, dated. 08.01.2021
4. Our letter vide Ref. No. 33/WBLLROA/2020-21, dated. 08.01.2021
5. The order(s) of Hon'ble Calcutta High Court
 - i. CRR No.1487 of 2020
 - ii. CRR No. 1488 of 2020

Sincerely yours,

— *Sd* —

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Copy forwarded for kind information to:

1. The Director of Land Records & Surveys, and Joint Land Reforms Commissioner, West Bengal.
2. The District Magistrate
3. The C.P. / S.P.
4. The Additional District Magistrate & District Land & Land Reforms Officer

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