West Bengal Land & Land Reforms Officers' Association



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HOOGHLY DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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Date 8/7/2

To,

The Additional District Magistrate & District Land & Land Reforms Officer Hooghly

Sub: Regarding disposal of mutation cases by Revenue Officers.

Madam,

I on behalf of the association would like to point out the issues involved related disposal of mutation cases by Revenue Officers of this district:-

- Recently one Revenue Officer of this district got involved in one criminal case for disposal of a case on warission basis. She disposed of the same on the basis of warission certificate issued by Baidyabati Municipality & acted as per guidelines issued by the department.
- In consequence, she was suspended on the pretext that she has not caused enquiry as per mandate outlined in WBLR Manual 1991.
- 3. She is still under suspension & has to bear the trauma for no fault on her part.
- 4. As regards the criminal case, the department miserably failed to defend/ protect the concerned officer & the officer has to flee like a criminal to evade the police officers.
- 5. The concerned officer has to hire a private lawyer to put forward her arguments in the court & has to bear the expense from her own pocket.
- During prosecution, it was observed that the prosecuting officers are treating departmental circulars like tissue papers. They are only following the provisions of Act, Rule & Manual.
- 7. Similar incidents of criminal prosecution are also cropping up from various other blocks of the district as well as other districts too. It is evident that any such issue might turn into a nightmare at no time.
- 8. It is obvious, in the backdrop of the events stated above, the Revenue Officers are scared & they are now opting to follow the process as outlined in the WBLR Act 1955, WBLR Rules & WBLR Manual 1991.
- We as an association feel that the Revenue Officers should stick to the statutory provisions only. Relying on departmental circulars nowadays is like betting on a lame horse.

In this context we would like to request you not to pressurize the Revenue Officers for speedy disposal as the departmental has hardly any capability to deal with any unforeseen circumstances. Rather they are getting entangled in criminal proceedings & they are compelled to fight the case on their own before the Hon'ble Court. Expecting rational approach form your end, I remains

Yours sincerely

Dated 8.7.2022 Place Hooghly

(KRISHNENEDU BAGCHI)
District Secretary, Hooghly

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