## WPA 6555 OF 2023

## **12.04.2023** Sl no. 4

Ct no. 2 P.M.

## Harish Chandra Gain & Ors. - Vs -The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Pabitra Charan Bhattacharjee ... for the petitioners

Mr. Subrata Kumar Basu, Mr. Sounak Sen Mr. Ronojoy Majumder ... for respondent No. 3 & 4 Md. T. M. Siddiqui, Mr. Nilotpal Chatterjee ... for Hare Street Police Station Mr. Arnab Ray ... for respondent No. 7 & 8

Mr. Pradip Kumar Roy, Mr. Prabir Kumar Ray, Mr. Joydeep Roy

..... for the State.

Heard learned advocates appearing for the respective parties including the police authorities and considered the status report filed by the Additional Director General of Police, CID, West Bengal though the learned advocate.

I have perused the said status report and I am not at all satisfied with progress and the manner and the pace at which investigation is proceeding in this matter. CID authorities, for delay, have taken the plea by shifting the responsibility on the local police station i.e. Hare Street Police Station. The order of this Court was passed on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 but till date not a single person has been taken into custody nor a single interrogation has been done till date though a list of seventeen persons have been placed before this Court by the police who are required to be investigated by them in the matter.

In compliance of the order of this Court, the Officer-in-Charge, Hare Street Police is present and submits though the learned advocate that delay in submitting the relevant document to the CID was due to delayed intimation from the office of the Additional Director General of Police, CID, West Bengal with regard to the order of this Court.

It is expected that the investigating authority will take the matter seriously and proceed expeditiously and no one will be spared in the matter. The protection shall be provided by the police authorities to the witnesses whose evidence are relevant and necessary in the matter. All the parties including the department concerned of this Court shall render all necessary cooperation in the matter in course of investigation by the police authorities.

List this matter on  $3^{rd}$  May, 2023 as "For Orders" when police authorities concerned will file

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investigation progress report and the action taken in the meantime.

Explanation given by the Officer-in-Charge, Hare Street police Station is accepted and his personal appears is dispensed with.

## (Md. Nizamuddin, J.)