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W.P.A. 9175 of 2026

Goutam Saha

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Arkaprava Sen,
Mr. Sayantan Kar,
Mr. Aritro Palit

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Suman Sengupta,
Mr. Dwaipayan Basu Mallick,
Ms. Amrita Panja Moulick

....for the State.

Ms. Anamika Pandey

....for the ECI.

1. In view of urgency matter is taken up for consideration when learned advocate representing the petitioner submits that on 10th April, 2026 at midnight due to political rivalry petitioner was threatened by some local goons which compelled the petitioner to send an email letter dated 11th April, 2026 to the concerned police authorities.
2. It is further submitted by the learned advocate representing the petitioner that in spite of such complaint was made by email letter dated 11th April, 2026 till date no steps have been taken by the concerned police authorities.
3. It is also submitted that due to closure of lower court today, petitioner could not approach jurisdictional Magistrate for taking necessary steps.
4. Learned advocate representing the State respondents has submitted that if complaint is

lodged by email letter in that event Section 173(1) (ii) of BNSS, 2023 needs to be adhered to by putting signature by the petitioner being the complainant for taking steps based on the allegations made by the petitioner.

5. Having considered the respective submissions made on behalf of the parties, petitioner shall be at liberty to appear before the Officer-in-Charge, Parnashree Police Station, Kolkata today, 13th April, 2026 at 6 PM in the evening for putting signature on his complaint.
6. If petitioner takes steps in terms of the liberty granted today by appearing before the respondent no.9 in that event on compliance of formalities, respondent no.9 shall take measures on the basis of the complaint lodged by the petitioner.
7. Report shall be filed on the next date.
8. List the matter under the same heading for further consideration on 28th April, 2026.
9. Respondent no.9 is also directed to provide necessary assistance to the petitioner which would permit the petitioner to stay at his own residence which comes under the jurisdiction of Parnashree Police Station.
10. In addition thereto, police shall keep vigil over the place in question.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)