

20<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

Item no.D/L 29  
Court No. 18

Pradip, A.R.(Ct.)

**In the High Court at Calcutta**  
**Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction**  
**Appellate Side**

Case No. **WPA 9541 of 2026**

*In the matter of:*

**Subrata Mallik & Ors.**

*.... Petitioners*

**VS.**

**The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

*....Respondents*

*For the Petitioners:*

**Mr. Firdous Samim**  
**Mr. Gopa Biswas**  
**Mr. Moinak Ghosal**  
**Mr. Rajosik Dutta**  
**Mr. Naman Shah**  
**Ms. Brinta Dutta**  
**Mr. Asik Mondal**

*....Advocates*

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.
2. The writ petition relates to recruitment in the West Bengal Police, 2024 in the post of Constable.
3. The petitioners are aggrieved by the manner in which the posts reserved for Civic Volunteers and Village Police Volunteers have been de-reserved and made open for the unreserved candidates.
4. It has been submitted that horizontal reservation has not been followed.
5. Prayer has been made to restrain the respondents from filling up the vacant posts so that, in the event the petitioners succeed in the writ petition, they can be provided appointment.
6. None appears on behalf of the respondents.

7. The Court has been made aware that the entire process of recruitment is over but the appointment letter could not be issued in view of the Model Code of Conduct which was prevailing in the State.
8. Right now, the Model Code of Conduct is no longer prevailing. The petitioners apprehend that appointment letter may be issued in respect of the selected candidates at any point of time.
9. The writ petition cannot be decided in the absence of the respondents. Accordingly, hearing of the writ petition stands adjourned till 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.
10. Let further notice be served in the office of the learned Government Pleader and the learned Legal Remembrancer intimating the next date of hearing.
11. It is made clear that any appointment given in the subject recruitment process shall abide by the result of the writ petition.
12. The West Bengal Police Recruitment Board is directed to publish a notice in its official website disclosing pendency of the instant writ petition for information of all concerned.
13. Parties to act on the basis of the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official *website* of this Court.

**(Amrita Sinha, J.)**