

# In The High Court at Calcutta

CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION

(Appellate Side)

W.P.A. 11636 OF 2026

SOUMEN BANERJEE

VS.

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND OTHERS

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Mr. Debarshi Brahma, Adv.

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Suryaneel Das, AGP

Ms. Anita Kundu, Adv.

...for the State

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. Learned advocate representing the petitioner submits that abruptly one armed Personal Security Officer provided to the petitioner was withdrawn on and from 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2026. Prayer is made in this writ petition to direct the concerned police authority to provide police protection to the petitioner.
3. Mr. Suryaneel Das, learned Additional Government Pleader representing the State respondents has filed a communication dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 of Officer-in-Charge, Dasnagar Police Station, Howrah Police Commissionerate and same is taken on record. Copy of the said communication dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 is made over to the learned advocate representing the petitioner.
4. On perusal of the said communication dated 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2026, it does not appear that cogent reasons are disclosed in support of withdrawal of armed Personal Security Officer, which was provided to the petitioner on and from 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019.
5. Officer-in-Charge, Dasnagar Police Station being respondent no.5 is directed to file an affidavit disclosing the reasons for taking decision not to provide Personal

Security Officer to the petitioner on and from 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

6. Let such affidavit be filed by ten (10) days from date.
7. List the matter under the same heading for further consideration on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2026.

**(SAUGATA BHATTACHARYYA, J.)**