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Sl. No. 07
Ct. No. 03

WPA 12504 of 2026

Rita Naskar & Anr.
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Sujay Bandyopadhyay
Mr. Sabyasachi Mondal
Mr. Sarthak Dey
Ms. Puja Naskar
Ms. Payel Khara
Mr. Subhamoy Dutta

....for the petitioners

Mrs. Sudipa Banerjee

..... for the State

1. Citing extreme urgency, this matter was mentioned yesterday and has been listed today.
2. The petitioners are the Pradhan and the Upa-pradhan of Beledurganagar Gram Panchayat. The petitioners are aggrieved with the short service of notice by the concerned Block Development Officer (BDO) who is a prescribed authority within the meaning of Section 12 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "said Act").
3. Mr. Bandyopadhyay, learned advocate appearing in support of the writ petition has drawn the attention of this Court to page 28 of the writ petition and would submit that though the notice for holding the meeting is dated 3rd June, 2026, such notice had been posted from the office of the concerned prescribed authority on 4th June, 2026 and the date of the meeting is fixed on 11th June, 2026. According to him, the same does

not conform to the prescription provided for in Section 12(3) of the said Act.

4. Mrs. Banerjee, learned advocate appears for the State. She is yet to receive instructions in the matter.
5. Having heard the learned advocates appearing for the respective parties and upon going through the materials on record, since it appears that having regard to the provisions contained in Section 12(3) of the said Act which requires a notice convening a meeting for removal of the Pradhan and Upa-pradhan be sent at least before clear 7 days to each of the existing members for consideration of the motion and for taking a decision on it and noting that in the instant case, the Pradhan and Upa-pradhan who are also members have been forwarded with the notice dated 3rd June, 2026 on 4th June, 2026, in my view, the petitioners have been able to make out a strong prima facie case. Accordingly, the meeting scheduled on 11th June, 2026 on the basis of the notice dated 3rd June, 2026, shall not be convened and/or the said notice shall not be given further effect for a period of 7 days or until further orders whichever is earlier.
6. The petitioner is directed to communicate this order to the non-appearing respondents.
7. Place this matter before the regular Bench having determination on 15th June, 2026.
8. Liberty to mention.

(Raja Basu Chowdhury, J.)