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W. P. A. 14924 of 2026

[Aklima Khatun -Vs- State of West Bengal & Ors.]

Mr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee
Mr. Omar Faruk Gazi
Ms. Shaoni Panda
... ... for the petitioner

Mr. Suryaneel Das .. ld. A.G.P.
Mr. Atanu Basu
... ... for the State

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. The petitioner complains of custodial death of her father on 12th May, 2026. It is submitted that petitioner's father was taken into custody on 11th May, 2026 and on the next day, at wee hours, father succumbed.
3. Mr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee, learned Advocate representing the petitioner submits that till date FIR is not registered in connection with custodial death of father of the petitioner.
4. Mr. Suryaneel Das, learned Additional Government Pleader representing the State-respondents has filed a communication dated 9th July, 2026 of Inspector-in-charge, Basirhat Police Station and same is taken on record. Copy of the said communication dated 9th July, 2026 is made over to the learned Advocate representing the petitioner.
5. It is disclosed in the said communication dated 9th July, 2026 that steps were taken by the concerned police authorities by intimating custodial death of petitioner's father to National Human Rights Commission, West Bengal Human Rights

Commission and learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat in compliance with relevant guidelines. It is also disclosed in the said communication that judicial enquiry is pending and as such prayer is made on behalf of the State-respondents to permit completion of judicial enquiry.

6. In view of disclosure of fact that it was intimated to learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat for conducting judicial enquiry and learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Additional Court, Basirhat is entrusted with the responsibility to conduct such enquiry, hearing of this matter stands adjourned.

7. Concerned police authorities are directed to produce report of judicial enquiry in sealed cover on the next date.

8. In the event judicial enquiry is not complete, the status of enquiry shall be placed before this court and in consideration of which matter is to be heard again.

9. Director, State Forensic Science Laboratory be made additional respondent. Leave is granted to the learned Advocate representing the petitioner to amend the cause title in course of this day. Learned Advocate for the petitioner is directed to serve notice enclosing copy of this writ petition and order passed today upon the additional respondent by ten days from date and file affidavit of service on the next date.

10. Since it is disclosed in the communication dated 9th July, 2026 filed on behalf of the State-respondents that concerned authority of State Forensic Science Laboratory has received a sample in connection with Matia Police Station U.D. Case No. 10/26 dated 12th May, 2026 on 4th June, 2026, effort shall be made by the concerned authority of State Forensic

Science Laboratory to forward report to the jurisdictional Magistrate at an early date.

11. Let a further report be filed disclosing the progress made in connection with judicial enquiry as well as steps taken by the State Forensic Science Laboratory by three weeks from date.

12. List the matter under the same heading for further consideration on 4th August, 2026.

13. CCTV footage of the alleged incident shall be preserved by the concerned police authorities.

14. Learned Registrar General, High Court, Calcutta is directed to communicate this order to learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Basirhat immediately.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)