

July 7, 2026
(6) ARDR

WPA 14836 of 2026

Abdul Hakim
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Anindya Bose,
Adv. Jenifar Alam Megha,
...for the petitioner.
Adv. Madhu Jana,
Adv. Subhajit Das,
...for the State.

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

The petitioners are the members of Islampur Gram Panchayat and floated a no confidence motion against the Pradhan of the Panchayat before the Prescribed Authority and Block Development Officer, Harishchandrapur II Development Block which was received by latter on the same date. By a notice issued on 10th June, 2026, the date of meeting was fixed by the Prescribed Authority on 19th June, 2026. However, by a subsequent notice issued on 18th June, 2026, the Prescribed Authority adjourned the meeting due to non availability of police assistance. The petitioner seeks a direction upon the Prescribed Authority to convene the meeting and conclude the proceeding in accordance with law.

In view of the time frame stipulated under Section 12 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973, the Prescribed Authority and the Block Development Officer, Harishchandrapur II Development Block, being the 5th respondent herein, is directed to convene the meeting

within ten days from the date of communication of this order and take the proceeding to its logical conclusion within the time frame stipulated in the Act.

Since the said time frame has already expired, the Prescribed Authority shall treat the date of communication of this order as the date of submission of the no confidence motion before him and proceed accordingly.

The Inspector in charge, Harishchandrapur Police Station, being the 8th respondent herein, is directed to render necessary assistance to the 6th respondent so that the meeting is held peacefully and without any disturbance from any corner whatsoever.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

There shall however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)