

30.07.2026
rc/ct.no.15
Item No.32

WPA No. 15811 of 2026
Kaji Arif & Ors.
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Tanmoy Chattopadhyay
Mr. Jay Laha ..for the petitioners

Ms. Mary Datta
Mr. Jagannath Chatterjee ...for the State

Mr. Shamim Ahmed ..for the Private Respondent

Supplementary affidavit filed by the petitioners in Court today is taken on record.

The petitioners who are the members of Narhatta Gram Panchayat submitted a no confidence motion for removal of the Upapradhan of the Panchayat which was initially refused to be accepted by the Prescribed Authority. However, pursuant to intervention of the Court on the earlier date, the motion has been received by the authority on July 10, 2026. By a notice issued on July 17, 2026 the Prescribed Authority fixed the date of meeting on July 28, 2026. The meeting was postponed by a further notice issued on July 28, 2026 on the ground of non-availability of police assistance. The petitioners seek a direction upon the Prescribed Authority to convene a meeting and conclude the proceeding in accordance with law.

Since the meeting appears to have been postponed by the Prescribed Authority for reason beyond his control

as envisaged in Section 12(4) of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973, the Prescribed Authority is directed to convene the meeting within 10 days from the date of communication of this order upon service of notice to all the parties concerned and take the proceeding to its logical conclusion at the earliest, in accordance with law.

The Officer in Charge, English Bazar Police Station is directed to render necessary assistance to the Prescribed Authority so that the meeting is held peacefully and without any disturbance from any corner whatsoever.

The writ petition is disposed of.

There shall, however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the writ 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)