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Court No.19
BP

WPA 25066 of 2025

Ananya Maity
-versus-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Gobinda Chandra Baidya
Mr. Aminul Islam
..for the petitioner

Mr. Srijan Nayak
Ms. Rituparna Maitra
..for the Cooperative Election
Commission

Ms. Sabnam De Bardhan
Ms. Susnita Saha
..for the State

Mr. Pradip Kumar Roy, Sr. Advocate
Mr. Ankit Sureka
Mr. Biplob Das
..for the respondent no.3

On 24th March, 2026 Mr. Nayak, learned advocate appearing for the Assistant Returning Officer and Cooperative Election Commission submitted that the petitioner who was the erstwhile Secretary, is not allowing the elected office bearers to function. He submitted that the keys and other papers are being illegally withheld by the petitioner who was the erstwhile Secretary.

This Court by an order dated 24th March, 2026 directed the petitioner to hand over the keys and other necessary papers to the Assistant Returning Officer on 25th March, 2026 at or about 12 noon. The

Assistant Returning Officer or the Secretary of the Society was also directed to remain present at the office of the Cooperative Society at the date and time mentioned hereinbefore.

Mr. Nayak, learned advocate appearing for the Assistant Returning Officer and Cooperative Election Commission submits that pursuant to the direction passed on 24th March, 2026 the petitioner has handed over the keys and other papers to the Secretary of the said Society.

It is not in dispute that presently the elected office bearers are carrying on their functions.

The learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has challenged the order passed by the Cooperative Election Commission on an election dispute case.

Since the affidavits are complete, the matter has to be heard finally.

The petitioner will be at liberty to mention this matter for enlistment under the heading "Hearing" after this Court reopens after summer vacation upon serving prior notice to the learned advocates for the parties.

(Hiranmay Bhattacharyya, J.)