

ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
ELECTION PETITION JURISDICTION
ORIGINAL SIDE

EP/2/2026

TARAK SAHA
VS
BINA MONDAL AND ORS.

BEFORE:
THE HON'BLE JUSTICE ANANYA BANDYOPADHYAY
Date: 5th August, 2026

Appearance:

Mr. Anidya Sundar Das, Adv.
Mr. Shaunak Ghosh, Adv.
Ms. Paramita Mondal, Adv.
Mr. Suman Halder, Adv.
Ms. Shabnam Yeasmin, Adv.
Mr. Subrata Bairagya, Adv.
...for the petitioner

The Court:- The report submitted by the Registrar, Original Side dated 27th July, 2026, inter alia, stated as follows:

“The provision of sections 83(1), 83(2) and 117(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 has duly been complied with by the petitioner in the above referred matter;

The instant Petition has been filed within the stipulated time (45 days) from the date of publication of the result of the West Bengal Assembly Election 2026, as per Section 81(1) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951;

Moreover the Central Filing Section has scrutinized the said Petition U/S 80, 80A, 81, 83, 84, 100 and other applicable provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.”

Since the instant petition has been filed complying with the requisite formalities, the Registrar, Original Side is to serve a copy of the instant application upon the respondent.

The Learned Advocate representing the petitioner submitted the petitioner to have been subjected to physical assault during the counting of the votes and deliberately prevented to enter the polling booth with ulterior motive. The prayer (c) in the instant application be granted.

Considering the specific averments with regard to physical assault inflicted upon the petitioner and the ancillary incidents to the prejudice of the same, the respondent no.8 authority is hereby directed to preserve the CCTV footage of the counting booth of 4th May, 2026 in respect of the petitioner who had been a candidate contesting the General Election of the Legislative Assembly of West Bengal, 2026.

Next date be fixed on 18th September, 2026 for compliance report to be filed by the Registrar, Original Side in terms of serving notice upon the respondents and for further orders.

(ANANYA BANDYOPADHYAY, J.)