

WPA 17725 of 2026

Tarikul Islam & Anr.
Vs.
The State of W.B. & Ors.

Mr. Prantik Ghosh
Mr. Prasad Bhattacharya ...for the petitioner.

Mr. Amales Ray
Ms. Mousumi Bhowal
Mr. Ishan Bhattacharya
 ...for the respondent nos.6 & 7.

Ms. Tripti Mukherjee ...for the State.

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

The petitioners who are the Pradhan and member of Sayestanagar-I Gram Panchayat submitted applications for removal of the private respondents/members of the Panchayat due to their absence in the meetings held by the Panchayat and on other grounds, which are yet to be considered. The petitioners seek a direction upon the Prescribed Authority to consider the applications.

The applications appear to have been submitted under Section 11 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973. It is a fact that no time frame has been stipulated in the said provision for consideration of such applications. However since the applications are pending before the Prescribed Authority since 21st May, 2026, the Prescribed Authority and Block Development Officer, being the 3rd

respondent herein, is directed to consider and dispose of the same within four weeks from the date of communication of this order upon affording reasonable opportunity of hearing to all concerned including the petitioners and the private respondents, in accordance with law.

The decision taken by the authority shall be communicated to the parties within a week thereafter.

The writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

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.)