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**In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side**

W.P.A 16806 of 2023

**Sourav Mondal & Anr.
-versus
The Secretary of West Bengal Election Commission
& Ors.**

**Mr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee
Mr. Sandipan Das
Mr. Omar Farukh Gazi
Mr. S. Saha
Mr. Badrul Karim
Mr. Kiran Sekh
...For the Petitioners.**

**Anuran Samanta
...For the respondent no. 3.**

The petitioners contested the Panchayat General Elections, 2023.

Their allegations are that on the day of counting, their agents were beaten mercilessly and thrown out from the counting centre. There is an allegation that none of the agents of the opposite parties were allowed to enter into the counting station.

A complaint was lodged before the State Election Commission but the same is yet to be disposed of till date.

Without going into the merits of the allegations of the petitioners, as it appears that a representation is pending consideration before the State Election Commission, accordingly, the instant writ petition is disposed of by directing State Election Commission to

consider and dispose of the representation filed by the petitioner in accordance with law at the earliest but positively within a period of ten days from the date of communication of this order.

A reasoned order shall be passed and communicated to the petitioners immediately thereafter.

The CCTV/Video footages and the ballot papers in respect of the concerned constituency shall be properly preserved and be produced before the Court as and when directed.

Learned advocate for the petitioners is directed to forward a copy of the representation seeking consideration along with all supporting documents to the aforesaid respondent at the time of communicating the order of the Court.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

Urgent certified photocopy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties expeditiously on compliance of usual legal formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)