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

W.P.A 16883 of 2023

Rasida Khatun
-versus
The State Election Commission, West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Gangadhar Das
Mr. Tanmoy Chattopadhyay
...For the Petitioner.

Ms. Sonal Sinha,
Mr. Tarun Chatterjee,
Mr. Sujit Gupta,
Mr. Sayan Datta,
Mr. Soumen Chatterjee
...For the State Election Commission.

Mr. Lalit Mohan Mahata
Mr. Ziaul Haque
...For the State.

Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on
record.

The petitioner contested the Panchayat General
Elections, 2023.

On the issue of serious malpractice at the time of
the election a complaint was lodged before the Election
Commission on 13th July, 2023. The same is yet to be
considered.

Without going into the merits of the claim of the
petitioner, as it appears that the complaint lodged by
the petitioner is pending consideration, accordingly, the

instant writ petition is disposed of by directing the Election Commission to consider and dispose of the same within a period of ten days from the date of communication of this order.

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

The learned advocate for the petitioner is directed to forward a copy of the complaint dated July 13, 2023 to the aforesaid respondent at the time of communicating the order of the Court.

The Panchayat Returning Officer is directed to properly preserve the CCTV/Video footages and the ballot papers and to produce the same as and when called for.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties on usual undertaking.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)