

Item No.21

In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

24.07.2023
Ct-24

WPA 17018 of 2023
Delowar Hossain & Anr.
v.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Md. Zohaib Rauf
Mr.Zubeen Pandey
...For the petitioners.

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

The petitioners contested the Panchayat General Elections, 2023.

They allege illegalities at the time of conducting the polls and counting of votes.

The petitioners seek re-election.

Learned advocate representing the State respondents opposes the submissions and allegations made on behalf of the petitioners.

From the documents annexed to the writ petition it appears that the petitioners did not file any complaint before any authority highlighting their grievances.

In view of the above, no relief can be granted to the petitioners in the instant writ petition.

The writ petition fails and is hereby dismissed.

It will be open for the petitioners to approach the appropriate forum by way of an election petition, if permissible in law, for redressal of their grievances, if so advised.

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

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

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(Amrita Sinha, J.)