

Item No.23

In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

24.07.2023
Ct-24

WPA 17043 of 2023

Anekul Sekh

v.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Md. Zohaib Rauf

Mr. Zubeen Pandey

...For the petitioner.

Mr. Lalit Mohan Mahata

Mr. Jagadish Roy

... for the State.

Ms. Sonal Sinha

Mr. Tarun Kumar Chatterjee

Mr. Sujit Gupta

Mr. Sayan Datta

Mr. Soumen Chatterjee

... for the State Election Commission.

The petitioner contested the Panchayat General Elections, 2023.

The petitioner alleges rigging, booth capturing, violence and several other illegalities on the day of the poll.

It has been submitted that the ground reality is so poor that the petitioner was not even permitted to lodge a complaint before the Panchayat Returning Officer till date.

It appears that complaint could not be lodged highlighting such illegalities.

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 petitioner to approach the appropriate forum by way of an election petition, if permissible in law, for redressal of his 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.)