

Item No.25

In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

24.07.2023
Ct-24

WPA 17069 of 2023

Sulekha Mondal

v.

The West Bengal Election Commission & Ors.

**Mr. Sunny Nandy
Mr. Subhajit Panja
Mr. Subha Pathak**

...For the petitioner.

**Mr. Amal Kumar Sen
Ms. Sahina Sumi**

... 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.

Allegation is that there has been several illegalities on the date of the poll and at the time of counting.

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

In view of the above, no relief can be granted to the petitioner 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 her 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.)