

Item No.28

In The High Court At Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

24.07.2023
Ct-24

WPA 17076 of 2023

Shilpi Khatun

v.

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Ibrahim Shaikh

Mr. Benazir Shaikh

...For the petitioner.

Mr. Santanu Kumar Mitra

Mr. Ganga Prasad Mukherjee

... 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.)