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

W.P.A 17327 of 2023

**Abdul Farid Sk.
-versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

**Mr. Partha Sarathi Das,
Mr. Md. Hafiz Ali,
Ms. Shanta Sarkar.
...For the Petitioner.**

**Mr. Tarun Kumar Chatterjee
Mr. Sujit Gupta
Mr. Sayan Datta
Mr. Soumen Chatterjee
...For the State Election Commission.**

**Mr. Lalit Mohan Mahata,
Mr. Rudranil De.
...For the State.**

The petitioner contested the Panchayat General Elections, 2023. He raises several allegations with regard to the illegalities committed on the day of the poll as well as on the day of counting.

Objection was filed before the Commission on 17th July, 2023. The same is yet to be considered and disposed of.

It appears that the result of the election was declared on 11th July, 2023 whereas the complaint was lodged long after the date of declaration of the result.

Accordingly, the prayer of the petitioner seeking consideration of the objection cannot be allowed.

The writ petition fails and is hereby dismissed.

Dismissal of the writ petition will, however, not stand in the way of the petitioner from approaching the appropriate forum by way of election petition, 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 to produce the same as and when called for.

Urgent certified photocopy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties expeditiously on compliance of usual legal formalities.

(Amrita Sinha, J.)