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

W.P.A 17332 of 2023

**Mansura Bibi & Anr.
-versus
Election Commission, West Bengal State Election
Commission & Ors.**

**Mr. Robiul Islam
Sk Jayed Hossain
Mr. Raju Mondal
Ms. Pramita Banerjee
Ms. Keya Sutradhar
...For the Petitioners.**

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

**Mr. Ansar Mondal
Ms. Neelam Singh
... For the State.**

The petitioners contested the Panchayat General Elections, 2023.

They raise allegations with regard to the discrepancy in the number of ballot papers found in the ballot boxes as reflected in Form 18 and the number of ballot papers counted. An objection was raised on 12th July, 2023 but the same is yet to be considered.

Without going into the merit of the allegations of the petitioners, as it appears that a representation is pending consideration before the State Election Commission, accordingly, the instant writ petition is disposed of by directing State Election Commission to

consider and dispose of the representation filed by the petitioners in accordance with law at the earliest but positively within a period of ten days from the date of communication of this order.

A reasoned order shall be passed and communicated to the petitioners immediately thereafter.

The CCTV/Video footages and the ballot papers in respect of the concerned constituency shall be properly preserved and be produced before the Court as and when directed.

Learned advocate for the petitioners is directed to forward a copy of the representation dated 13th July, 2023 seeking consideration along with all supporting documents to the aforesaid respondent at the time of communicating the order of the Court.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

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

(Amrita Sinha, J.)