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

W.P.A 17338 of 2023

**Dipa Rani Kirtaniya
-versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

**Mr. Lokenath Chatterjee,
Mr. Rahul Sarkar,
Mr. Gouranga Das,
Mr. Siddhant Srivastava,
Ms. Tatini Sengupta,
Ms. Dipika Sarkar.
...For the Petitioner.**

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

Affidavit-of-service filed in Court today is taken on record.

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

Complaint is alleged to be lodged before the Governor with copy to the respondent authorities on 13th July, 2023, however, there is no proof of service of the complaint upon the respondents.

Accordingly, the prayer of the petitioner for consideration of the complaint 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.)