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

W.P.A 17353 of 2023

**Shri Ratan Shil
-versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

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

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

The petitioner contested the Panchayat General Elections, 2023.

He raises allegations with regard to the illegalities at the time of counting of the ballot papers. Complaint appears to have been lodged but at a delayed date.

Accordingly, the prayer of the petitioner for consideration of the objection cannot be accepted.

The writ petition fails and is hereby dismissed.

Dismissal of the writ petition will however not stand in the way of the petitioner to approach the appropriate forum by way of an election petition for redressal of her grievances, if so advised.

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.

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

(Amrita Sinha, J.)