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

W.P.A 17403 of 2023

**Md. Sahidur Rahaman
-versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

**Mr. Kalyan Kumar Chakraborty
Mr. Kashinath Bhattacharya
Ms. Anjana Mehboob
...For the Petitioner.**

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

**Mr. Amal Kumar Sen
Mr. Jaladhi Das
... for the State.**

The petitioner contested the Panchayat General Elections, 2023.

He alleges that the ballot boxes were looted from the counting centre.

Complaint was lodged before the Panchayat Returning Officer on 12th July, 2023 but the same is yet to be considered.

Without going into the merit of the allegations of the petitioner, 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

petitioner in accordance with law at the earliest but positively by 10th of August, 2023.

A reasoned order shall be passed and communicated to the petitioner 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 petitioner is directed to forward a copy of the representation dated 12th 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.

Report filed by the Inspector In-Charge, Kaliachak PS dated 23rd July, 2023 be kept with the record.

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

(Amrita Sinha, J.)