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

W.P.A 18673 of 2023

**Tusta Mahato
-versus
The West Bengal State Election Commission & Ors.**

**Mr. Koustav Bagchi,
Ms. Priti Kar,
Mr. Debayan Ghosh.
...For the Petitioner.**

**Ms. Sonal Sinha,
Mr. Avishek Prasad.
...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 alleges massive rigging, vandalism and violence at the time of poll.

It appears that complaint was lodged before the authority on 16th July, 2023. The election was conducted on 8th July, 2023 and the result of the election was declared on 11th July, 2023. Application filed by the petitioner at such a delayed date seeking recounting of votes, cannot be allowed.

In view of the above, no relief can be granted to the petitioner in the instant case.

The writ petition fails and is hereby dismissed.

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

(Amrita Sinha, J.)