

March 18, 2026
(21) ARDR

WPA 3802 of 2026

Mandal Abdul Rasid @ Abdur Rashid Mondal & ors.
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & ors.

Adv. Partha Pratim Roy,
Adv. Anirban Das,
Adv. Samrat Chakraborty,

...for the petitioners.

Adv. Robiul Islam,
Adv. Masooq Rahman,

...for the respondent no. 7.

Adv. Jaharlal De,
Adv. Sukla Das Chandra,

...for the State.

Supplementary affidavit filed by the petitioners is
taken on record.

It is most unfortunate to note that requisition notice
under Section 12(2) of the Panchayat Act was sent to the
prescribed authority and Block Development Officer,
Jalangi Block Development, being the 5th respondent
herein, on 11th February, 2026 and was refused to be
accepted by the latter on the next date.

In view of such refusal, this Court is inclined to hold
that the 5th respondent has deliberately avoided service of
notice. His unholy nexus with the Pradhan cannot be ruled
out.

The 5th respondent is directed to convene the meeting
in terms of Section 12(3) of the Act within five working days
from date and shall thereafter act in terms of Section 12 of
the Act.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

There shall however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)