

Court No. 19  
(265719)

**09.06.2026**  
(AD 14)  
(S. Banerjee)

WPA 9778 of 2026

Himadri Bhattacharya  
Vs.  
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Arkadipta Sengupta  
Mr. Shankar Mukherjee  
Ms. Ankita Ghosh

...for the petitioner

Mr. D. N. Ray, Ld. GP  
Ms. Susmita Saha Dutta  
Mr. Madhu Jana  
Ms. Puja Sonkar

...for the State

Ms. Rituparna Maitra  
Mr. Partha Sarathi Pal

...for the respondent no. 2

Mr. Amarendra Chakraborty  
Mr. Tonmay Chatterjee  
Mr. Argha Banerjee

...for the respondent nos. 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9

The petitioner has challenged the suspension order dated September 5, 2025 in this writ petition.

Learned advocate appearing for the Malda District Central Cooperative Bank Limited submits that in the meantime the disciplinary proceeding has started and an Enquiry Officer has already been appointed. He files copy of the memo dated May 14, 2026 in support of such contention.

Since the disciplinary proceeding has already been initiated and an Enquiry Officer has been appointed, this Court feels that interest of justice

would be sub-served if the disciplinary proceeding is directed to be concluded within a stipulated timeframe.

Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of by directing the disciplinary authority to conclude the disciplinary proceeding as expeditiously as possible but positively within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a server copy of this order.

It will be open to the petitioner to raise all points before such authority.

On a query of the Court, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in receipt of the subsistence allowance at the rate of 50% of the salary. He, however, submits that in terms of the service rules governing the service of the petitioner, petitioner is entitled to get enhanced rate of subsistence allowance.

It will be open to the petitioner to approach the appropriate authority for enhancement of the subsistence allowance and if such an application is made, the authority shall consider the same and pass necessary orders in accordance with law.

**(Hiranmay Bhattacharyya, J.)**