

WPA 13726 of 2026

Rofikul Sekh & Ors.
Vs.
The State of W. B. & Ors.

Mr. Robiul Islam
Sk. Jayed Hossain
Mr. Raju Mondal
Mr. M. Rahman ...for the petitioners.

Mr. Usof Ali Dewan
Mr. Asif Dewan
Mr. M. Masud ..for the respondent nos.7 & 8.

Mr. Madhu Jana
Ms. Puja Sonkar ...for the State.

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioners is taken on record.

The petitioners who are members of Barashimul Dayarampur Gram Panchayat floated a requisition before the Prescribed Authority and Block Development Officer, Raghunathganj-II Development Block on 9th June, 2026 for removal of the Pradhan being the 7th and 8th respondents herein which was received by the Prescribed Authority on the same date.

The Prescribed Authority fixed the date of meeting on 24th June, 2026 by a notice issued on 15th June, 2026.

It is submitted on behalf of the parties that by a subsequent notice issued on 22nd June, 2026, the Prescribed Authority postponed the meeting due to non

availability of police personnel. No further date of meeting has been fixed.

Learned counsel for the Pradhan submits that the meeting has been deferred on the basis of a letter sent by the Inspector in Charge, Raghunathganj Police Station on 22nd June, 2026 expressing his inability to provide police assistance for him.

Upon consideration of the submission made by the parties, this Court is of the view that since Section 12 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973 contemplates specific time frame for consideration and conclusion of a proceeding under the said provision of law, the Prescribed Authority and Block Development Officer, Raghunathganj-II Development Block, being the 5th respondent herein, is directed to convene the meeting within 10 days from the date of communication of this order upon service of notice to the parties and take the proceeding to its logical conclusion in terms of Section 12 of the Act of 1973.

The Inspector in Charge of Raghunathganj Police Station, being the 6th respondent herein, is directed to provide necessary assistance to the 5th respondent so that the meeting can be held peacefully and without any disturbance from any corner whatsoever.

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 writ 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.)