

WPA 14416 of 2026

Ebrahim Shaikh & Ors.
Vs.
The State of W. B. & Ors.

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

Mr. Usuf Ali Dewan
Mr. Asif Dewan ..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 Teghari-I Gram Panchayat submitted a no confidence motion before the Prescribed Authority and Block Development Officer, Raghunathganj-II Development Block on 9th June, 2026 seeking removal of the Pradhan, which was received by the Prescribed Authority on the same date.

By a notice issued on 15th June, 2026, the Prescribed Authority fixed the date of meeting on 23rd June, 2026.

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

The petitioners seek a direction upon the Prescribed Authority to convene the meeting and conclude the proceeding at the earliest.

In view of the specific time frame laid down under Section 12 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973, 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 concerned parties and take the proceeding to its logical conclusion within the time frame stipulated in Section 12 of the Act of 1973. The date of communication of this order shall be treated as the date of submission of the requisition notice.

The Officer in Charge of Raghunathganj Police Station, being the 6th respondent herein, is directed to render 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.)