07.10.2026
Item No.27 (DL)
Court No.19
AJ.

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JRUISDICTION

WPA 29335 of 2026

Goutam Halder & Ors.
-Vs-
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Kamalesh Bhattacharyya,
Mr. S. Shah,
Mr. Soumen Barman,
Mr. Md. Shahjahan.
...for the petitioners.
Mr. Amit Baran Dash,
Mrs. Sreetama Neogi.
...for the State.

1. The parties are represented by their respective learned Counsel.

2. At the time of hearing Mr. Bhattacharyya, learned Advocate appearing on behalf of the petitioners through virtual mode draws attention of this Court to page 34 of the instant writ petition being a copy of the notice of the jurisdictional Prescribed Authority and BDO wherefrom it would reveal that in respect of election of Pradhan, Bally-I Gram Panchayet, meeting is scheduled to be held on 08.10.2026 at 110.30 A.M. It is submitted by Mr. Bhattacharyya that the present writ petitioners being the elected Members of the Bally-I Gram Panchayet are desirous to attend the said meeting.

3. It is submitted by Mr. Bhattacharyya that it is the genuine apprehension of the writ petitioners that the present writ petitioners may

be prevented by some interested persons from attending the said meeting and thus it is prayed that the Police Authorities may be directed to ensure the safety and security of the writ petitioners while attending the venue of the meeting which is scheduled to be held on 08.10.2026 at 11.30 A.M.

4. Learned Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondent State opposes the prayer.

5. On careful perusal of the entire material as placed before this Court and after hearing the learned Advocates for the contending parties, this Court considers that the present writ petitioners being the elected Members of Bally-I Gram Pranchayet are supposed to attend the meeting on 08.10.2026 at 11.30 A.M.

6. Since it is the apprehension of the present writ petitioners on account of the present political scenario, the present writ petitioners may be prevented from attending the said meeting at the Office of the Bally-I Gram Panchayet on 08.10.2026 at 11.30 A.M., this Court while disposing of the instant writ petition directs the respondent nos.5 to 7 authority to ensure that the writ petitioner nos.1 to 9 shall not be restricted by any person in any manner in reaching the venue of the meeting i.e. at the Office of the Bally-I Gram Panchayet at 11.30 A.M.

7. This Court further directs the respondent nos.5 to 7 authority to make adequate police arrangement for the safe passage of the writ petitioners to the venue of the meeting on 08.10.2026 at 11.30 A.M.

8. It is further directed that the respondent nos.5 and 7 authority shall ensure that the meeting at the Office of Bally-I Gram Panchayet at 11.30 A.M. is held without any hindrance by any one.

9. With the aforementioned observations, the instant writ petition is disposed of.

10. Liberty is given to the learned Advocate-on-record for the writ petitioners to communicate the server copy of this order to the respondent nos.5 to 7 authorities through e-mail and to act on the basis of such e-mail and the server copy.

11. Learned Advocate the respondent State is directed to communicate the gist of the order to the respondent nos.5 to 7 authorities either by e-mail or by whatsapp or by sms positively by 7 P.M. today.

12. There shall be no order as to costs.

13. Urgent photostat certified copies of this order, if applied for, be given to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Partha Sarathi Sen, J.)