

WPA 28745 of 2025

Biswajit Nag
Vs.
The State of W. B. & Ors.

Mr. Rananesh Guha Thakurta
Ms. Senjuti Sengupta
Mr. Pulin Chandra Maity ...for the petitioner.

Mr. Jyoti Prakash Chatterjee
Mr. M. Hahaman ...for the State.

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

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that having detected certain irregularities/illegalities committed by the Pradhan and the Upa Pradhan of Guptipara-I Gram Panchayat, the petitioner lodged a written complaint on 7th February, 2025 before the Sub-Divisional Officer, Sadar, Hooghly. The Sub-Divisional Officer relegated the matter to the Block Development Officer who upon conducting an enquiry arrived at a conclusion that enquiry revealed prima facie evidence of the alleged irregularities.

The Block Development Officer was directed to initiate action in accordance with law in terms of Section 12 of the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973. Pursuant to the same, he issued a show cause notice upon the Pradhan and Upa Pradhan on 1st September, 2025 directing them to show cause within 15 days from the date of receipt of the notice as to why proceedings for their removal would not be

initiated under Section 12 of the Act. They were directed to appear before the Block Development Officer on 16th September, 2025.

Learned counsel submits that after issuance of such show cause notice no further development has taken place.

The petitioner seeks a direction upon the Block Development Officer to conclude the proceedings at the earliest.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties, the Block Development Officer, Balagarh Development Block, being the 5th respondent herein, is directed to take necessary steps in terms of the show cause notice issued by him on 1st September, 2025 and take the proceeding to its logical conclusion within eight weeks from the date of communication of this order upon granting reasonable opportunity of hearing to all concerned, in accordance with law.

The decision taken by the authority shall be communicated to the petitioner within a week thereof.

The writ petition is 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.)