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**In the High Court at Calcutta
Constitutional Writ Jurisdiction
Appellate Side**

WPA No. 30522 of 2026

**Sikha Rani Halder
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Kallol Basu
Mr. Rajdeep Bhattacharya
Mr. Arkadipta Sengupta
Ms. Ankita Ghosh
Kr. Kaustav Seal

...for the petitioner

Ms. Susmita Saha Dutta, Ld. AGP
Mr. Madhu Jana, Jr. Govt. Adv.

...for the Co-operative Election Commission

Mr. Sagnik Chatterjee
Mr. Tirthankar Dey
Mr. Shankar Mukherjee
Ms. Ria Naskar

...for the Private Respondent no. 6

Dr. Siddhartha Goswami

...for the State

1. Affidavit-of-Service as filed today on behalf of
the writ petitioner is taken on record.

2. The writ petitioner and the contesting respondents are represented by their respective counsel.

3. The writ petitioner is aggrieved for non-consideration of her representation, a copy of which has been annexed at page no. 17.

4. It is submitted at the time of hearing by the learned Advocate for the writ petitioner that under cover of the said representation, the writ petitioner has raised objection regarding omission of the eligible self-help group members from the voter list of the respondent no. 6/Co-operative Society. It is, thus, submitted that appropriate relief or reliefs may be granted to the writ petitioner in terms of the prayers made in the instant writ petition.

5. Learned Advocate appearing on behalf of the contesting respondents opposes such prayer by saying that no material is forthcoming before this Court that the voter list, as published by the Returning Officer of the proposed election, is defective.

6. On careful consideration of the entire materials as placed before this Court and after hearing the learned advocates for the respective parties, this Court while disposing of the instant writ petition directs the respondent no. 5 authority to consider the

representation of the writ petitioner, a copy of which has been annexed at page no. 17 of the instant writ petition in accordance with law and after giving adequate opportunity of hearing to the writ petitioner and/or his/her authorized representative shall pass a reasoned order and shall forthwith communicate the same to the writ petitioner soon thereafter.

7. The entire exercise, as indicated in the foregoing paragraph, is to be completed by the last day of October, 2026. The time limit, as fixed by this Court, is peremptory and mandatory.

8. It is submitted that the proposed election of the Bar is scheduled to be held on 27.10.2026.

9. In view of such, this Court directs the respondent authorities more specifically the Election Commission to defer the date of election of the respondent no. 6 authority to November 17, 2026.

10. Liberty is given to the learned Advocate on Record for the writ petitioner to communicate the server copy of this order to the respondent no. 5 authority along with a copy of the representation as referred to above.

11. With these observations, the instant writ petition being WPA 30522 of 2026.

12. There shall be no order as to costs.

13. Urgent photostat certified copy of this order be given to the parties upon compliance of all legal formalities.

(Partha Sarathi Sen, J.)