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WPA No. 29274 of 2026
Bhabataran Mahata & Ors.
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Adv. Lalit Mohan Mahata
Adv. Amit Bikram Mahata
Adv. Aditya Bikram Mahata ..for the petitioners

Adv. Anup Dasgupta
Adv. Renesa Dey …for the State

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

The petitioners who are the members of Maru-Masina Gram Panchayat have filed the present application seeking a direction upon the Prescribed Authority to fix the dates of meeting for election of new Pradhan and Upa Pradhan.

Learned counsels for the petitioners and the State submit that during pendency of the writ petition, the Prescribed Authority has fixed both the meetings on October 29, 2026. The petitioners seek police assistance so that the meetings are held peacefully without any hindrance.

Since the meetings have been fixed on October 29, 2026, the Officer in Charge, Jhalda Police Station, being the 6th respondent herein, is directed to render necessary assistance so that the meeting is held peacefully and without any disturbance from any corner whatsoever.

The police authority shall also ensure safe passage of the members of the Panchayat including the petitioners herein to the venue of the meeting in order to enable them to cast their votes freely, safely and independently.

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)