

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).1089/2025

MOSTARI BANU

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

[SIR MATTERS RELATED TO THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL]

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 737/2025 (PIL-W)

IA No. 27103/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

W.P.(C) No. 1074/2025 (PIL-W)

IA No. 26838/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

ITEM No.36

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).126/2026

(IA No. 32266/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

ITEM NO.37

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).129/2026

Date : 04-02-2026 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

W.P.(C) No.126/2026 & W.P.(C) No.129/2026

1. Issue notice.
2. Mr. Prateek Kumar, AOR accepts notice on behalf of respondents, namely, Election Commission of India and the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal.
3. List on 09.02.2026 at 2 p.m.

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4. We have briefly heard Shri Shyam Divan and Shri Gopal Sankaranarayanan, learned Senior Counsel on behalf of the petitioners; as well as Shri Rakesh Dwivedi and Shri Dama Seshadri Naidu, learned Senior Counsel, representing the Election Commission of India & the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal.
5. During the course of hearing, it is pointed out by Shri Tushar

Mehta, learned Solicitor General of India, that there is another writ petition bearing W.P.(C) No.1216/2025 pending before this Court and the issues raised therein and the affidavit filed by Election Commission of India will have some bearing on the merits of these cases.

6. Consequently, W.P.(C) No.1216/2025 be also listed along with these cases on 09.02.2026 at 2 p.m.

7. The parties are directed to have their respective instructions on the date so fixed.

(ARJUN BISHT)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR