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**W.P.A.(P) 143 of 2021
(Through Video Conference)**

**Anindya Sundar Das
Vs.
Union of India & Ors.**

With

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**Marufa Bibi & Ors.
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State of West Bengal & Ors.**

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**Susheel Kumar Pandey
Vs.
State of West Bengal & Ors.**

M/s. Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya,
Pronay Basak,
Debapriya Samanta and
Santanu Maji, Advocates (Through VC)
...for the Petitioner in
WPA (P) 143 of 2021.

Ms. Susmita Saha Dutta (Through VC)
...Petitioner in person
in WPA(P) 142 of 2021.

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Ms. Priyanka Tibrewal (Through VC)
...Petitioner in person
in WPA (P) 144 of 2021.

Ms. Saloni Bhattacharjee, Advocate (Through VC)
...for the Petitioner in
WPA (P) 149 of 2021.

Mr. Rishav Kumar Singh, Advocate (Through VC)
...for the Petitioner in
WPA (P) 148 of 2021.

Mr. Y. J. Dastoor,
Additional Solicitor General with
Mr. Arijit Majumdar, Advocate (Through VC)
...for the U.O.I.

Mr. Kishore Dutta, Advocate General with
M/s. Abhratosh Majumdar and
Sayan Sinha, Advocates (Through VC)
...for the State.

M/s. Dipayan Choudhury with
Suvrodal Choudhury, Advocates (Through VC)
...for the Respondent No.2
in WPA (P) 143 of 2021.

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The issues raised in this bunch of petitions are pertaining to post-poll violence in the State of West Bengal. In different petitions filed by different persons, who are either appearing in person or represented by counsels, different allegations have been made. The State has responded to some of the petitions whereas in some, affidavits-in-opposition are yet to be filed. Wherever affidavits-in-opposition have been filed, the petitioners are seeking time to file their affidavits-in-reply.

Let the process of filing of affidavits be

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completed with copies served in advance to the opposite parties before the next date of hearing.

On the last date of hearing, we had requested the learned Advocate General to apprise the Court about any designated e-mail id to enable the aggrieved persons to lodge their complaints online. It was on the allegation of the petitioners that they were not permitted to lodge complaints in the police station and in some cases they were unable to do so as that they had to run away from their places of residence. Today this information has not be furnished. More time has been sought to furnish the same.

It was further directed by us in the previous order that the National Human Rights Commission, West Bengal Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Women and National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, which had received number of complaints with reference to post-poll violence in the State of West Bengal should forward those to the official e-mail id of the Director General of Police, West Bengal. The information as regards the number of complaints received by the Director General of Police from the aforesaid Commissions has not been furnished in Court. Request has been for grant of time to

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furnish this information.

Let the aforesaid information be furnished to this Court on the next date of hearing.

In the meantime, we direct that if any person has suffered on account of post-poll violence, he shall be at liberty to file complaint along with the supporting documents to the National Human Rights Commission, West Bengal Human Rights Commission, National Commission for Women and National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The same can be either by way of hard copy or online. The aforesaid commissions in turn will forward those complaints to the Director General of Police, West Bengal immediately.

List these matters for further consideration on May 25, 2021 at 2.00 P.M.

[Rajesh Bindal, C.J.(A)]

(I. P. Mukerji, J.)

(Harish Tandon, J.)

(Soumen Sen, J.)

(Subrata Talukdar, J.)