27.04.2021 item no. 1 to 8 Ct. No.1 Saswata & ab

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-vs-

Election Commission of India
With

WPA (P) 107 of 2021 Somnath Roy & Ors.

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

With

WPA (P) 118 of 2021 Sankar Halder & Ors.

-vs-

Union of India & Ors.

With

WPA (P) 122 of 2021

Dipika Sarkar

-vs-

Union of India & Ors.

With

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With

WPA (P) 123 of 2021

Bimal Kumar Chatterjee

-vs-

Election Commission of India & Ors.

With

WPA (P) 129 of 2021 Arindam Ghosh

-vs-

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1. Learned senior counsel representing the Election Commission of India apprises us that the ECI has banned all rallies and gatherings on the day of the counting of votes and declaration of results through out India. Further, a restriction of maximum of two persons has been put on the winning party for collecting the certificate. The restriction imposed by the Election Commission of India as indicated above, shall be strictly enforced by all authorities concerned and it is so directed by this Court.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is an acute shortage of hospital beds, oxygen cylinders and other medicines and the State should file a report as regards what steps the State is taking to alleviate such situation.

3. Learned Advocate General appearing for the state submits that daily health bulletins are published in the website and the same is in public domain. The petitioner is at liberty to access such website and find out what steps the State is taking.

4. We expect the petitioner to access such State's website and put any grievance that the petitioner may have regarding such health bulletin on affidavit, before we can consider passing any further order.

5. Post the matters on 03.05.2021.

(Thottathil B. Radhakrishnan, CJ.)

(Arijit Banerjee, J.)