

**CRM 9271 of 2020
(Via Video Conference)**

In re : An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Suri P.S. Case No. 266/2017 dated 16.07.2017 under Sections 394/397 of the Indian Penal Code.

In the matter of : **Rakesh Khan**

..... petitioner

Mr. Debabrata Das Gupta

....For the petitioner

**Mr. P. K. Datta, Ld. APP
Mr. Santanu Deb Roy**

.....For the State

The principal ground urged is the delay in the trial being taken up and the detention of the petitioner for more than three years.

The State says that on the basis of the statement of the survivor who had received life-threatening blows from the petitioner herein and the that the stolen materials were recovered from the possession of the petitioner, this Court had rejected the prayer in September, 2019.

In view of the pandemic which has the impeded functioning of the court and halted the conduct of any criminal trial, the present prayer cannot be acceded to. However, upon normal court functioning resuming, expeditious steps should be taken to commence the trial again within three months.

CRM 9271 of 2020 is disposed of.

(Arijit Banerjee, J.)

(Sanjib Banerjee, J.)