

**C.R.M. 10145 of 2020**

In the matter of : An application for bail under section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Dhaniakhali P.S. Case No. 231 of 2017 dated 03.11.2017 under sections 498A/302/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

And

In the matter of : Smt. Sundari Das

Mr. Narayan Debnath

... ... for the petitioner

Mr. S.S. Imam

Mr. Subrato Roy

... ... for the State

Petitioner renews his prayer for bail. He is in custody for three years and one month.

Learned lawyer for the State submits that petitioner and other had murdered the housewife.

Statements of witnesses including the dying declaration of the victim disclose primary role of the petitioner in the murder of the housewife. In view of the gravity of the offence, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

The application for bail is, thus, rejected.

Delay in trial is attributable to prevailing pandemic conditions. However, in view of the protracted period of detention suffered by the petitioner, we direct the trial Court to conclude the trial at an early date, preferably within one year from the next date fixed before the said Court without granting unnecessary adjournment to either of the parties.

The parties shall act in terms of the copy of the order downloaded from the official website of this court.

**(Suvra Ghosh, J.)**

**(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)**