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[Rejected]

C. R. M. 5652 of 2021 [via video conferencing]

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 24.08.2021 in connection with Nandigram Police Station Case No. 246 of 2018 dated 12.12.2018 under Sections 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code.

And

In Re: **Gurupada Singh**

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Gautam Guria

... .. for the petitioner

Mr. Saibal Bapuli .. Ld. Addl. Public Prosecutor

Mr. Bibaswan Bhattacharya

... .. for the State

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that he is in custody for more than three years and four months. It is further submitted that there is slow progress in the trial of the case.

Learned advocate appearing for the State opposes the prayer for bail and submits that eyewitnesses implicated the petitioner in the murder of the deceased.

In view of the gravity of the offence and prima facie involvement of the petitioner in the alleged crime, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

The application for bail is thus **rejected**.

We however, direct the trial court to proceed with the trial with utmost expedition and conclude the same at an early date preferably within one year from the next date fixed for recording of evidence without granting unnecessary adjournment to either of the parties.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)

