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C.R.M. (DB) 1662 of 2022

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Harwood Point Coastal Police Station Case No. 40 of 2018 dated 19.02.2018 under Sections 341/326/307/506 of the Indian Penal Code and subsequently Sections 302/201 of the Indian Penal Code.

And

In Re : Sripati Halder petitioner

Mr. Ranadeb Segupta
Mr. Gobinda Chandra Baidya
... for the petitioner

Mr. Saibal Bapuli, learned APP
Mr. Arani Bhattacharyya
... for the State

Petitioner is in custody for more than four years.

Learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that there is very slow progress in the trial.

Learned Counsel appearing for the State opposes prayer for bail.

We have considered the materials on record. Petitioner was member of a gang one of whom had murdered the victim.

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.

Bearing in mind the protracted period of detention suffered by the petitioner, we direct the trial court to take prompt steps to conclude the trial at an early date preferably

within one year from the next date fixed for recording evidence without granting any unnecessary adjournment to either of the parties.

(Ananya Bandyopadhyay, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)