

12.10.2022

Vacation Bench
SL No.20
S.Banerjee/s.biswas

C.R.M. (DB) 3547 of 2022

In Re: - An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Raiganj** P.S. Case No. **14/2013** dated **05.01.2013** under Sections **302/34/120B/427** of the Indian Penal Code and Sections **25/27** of the Arms Act.

And

In the matter of: **Koushik Paul @ Babai**

....Petitioner

Mr. Jisan Iqubal Hossain

...for the Petitioner

Mr. Sudip Ghosh,
Ms. Debjani Sahu

...for the State

We have considered the materials on record. Statements of witnesses show that the petitioner had murdered the victim, who was an eyewitness in an earlier case registered against him. In view of the incriminating materials on record and the daring conduct of the petitioner, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

In view of the protracted period of detention suffered by the petitioner, who is in custody for more than 9 years, we direct the trial court to conduct the trial as expeditiously as possible preferably within one year from the next date fixed for recording evidence without granting unnecessary adjournment to either of the parties.

Copy of the order be communicated to the trial court.

(Apurba Sinha Ray, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)