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Sl. No.43
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[Rejected]

C. R. M. (DB) 489 of 2023

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 01.02.2023 in connection with Panskura Police Station Case No.534 of 2018 dated 02.11.2018 under Sections 302/201 of the Indian Penal Code.

And

In Re: ***Lab Baral***

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Mrityunjoy Chatterjee
Mr. Debapriya Majumder

... .. for the petitioner

Ms. Anasuya Sinha
Ms. Subhasree Patel

... .. for the State

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that he is in custody for more than four years. It is further submitted there is inordinate delay in trial.

Learned Advocate for the State opposes the prayer for bail.

We have considered the materials on record. There are ample materials implicating the petitioner in the murder. Eleven witnesses have already been examined. There is substantial progress in trial. Hence, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

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

Trial court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same at an early date preferably within one year from the next date fixed for recording evidence without granting unnecessary adjournments to either of the parties.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)

