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C. R. M. (DB) 1658 of 2023

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 19.04.2023 in connection with Hare Street Police Station Case No.169 dated 06.07.2020 under Sections 120B/420/467/468/471 of the Indian Penal Code. (G.R. Case No.824 of 2020)

And

In Re: ***Ratan Kumar Singha***

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Satadru Lahiri
Mr. Musharraf Hussain
Mr. Safdar Azam

... .. for the petitioner

Mr. Sudip Ghosh
Mr. Bitasok Banerjee

... .. for the State

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that he is in custody for more than two years. It is further submitted there is slow progress in trial. Co-accused has been enlarged on bail. Accordingly, he prays for bail.

Learned Advocate for the State opposes the prayer for bail.

We have considered the materials on record. In view of the inordinate delay in trial, co-accused viz. Ananta Paul @ Sudarshan Das @ Vivek has been enlarged on bail. Petitioner stands on the same footing with the said co-accused. Hence, we are inclined to extend the same privilege to the petitioner also.

Therefore, the accused/petitioner, namely ***Ratan Kumar Singha***, be released on bail upon furnishing a bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only), with two sureties of like amount each, one of whom must be local, to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate-I, Calcutta subject to condition that the said petitioner shall appear before the trial court on every date of

hearing until further orders and shall not intimidate witnesses or tamper with evidence in any manner whatsoever.

In the event he fails to appear before the trial court without justifiable cause, the trial court shall be at liberty to cancel his bail automatically without reference to this court.

The application for bail, thus, stands allowed.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)