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IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI

C.R.M.(SB) 10 of 2023

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 arising out of POR No. 11/JPN of 2021 dated 27.05.2021 under Section 51 of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972

And

In the Matter of : Dipraj Chhetri @ Deepraj Chhetri
.... petitioner.

Mr. Sabir Ahmed
Mr. Hillo Saha Poddar

.....For the petitioner.

Mr. Aditi Shankar Chakraborty
Mr. Aniruddha Biswas

.....For the State.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State points out that the next date has been fixed for examination of the accused under Section 313 of the Code.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since the prosecution has reached such a mature stage, the petitioner would not like to press the application for bail and would instead participate in the trial. He prays for an expeditious disposal of the same.

It appears that the petitioner is in custody for 237 days and a prosecution of 2021 is still pending, albeit at the stage of examination under Section 313 of the Code.

In view of the above, the application for bail is dismissed **as not pressed**.

However, the learned trial court is requested to make all endeavour to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from date.

Personal appearance of the Divisional Forest Officer is noted and is dispensed with.

The Office is directed to communicate a gist of this order to the learned trial court forthwith.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order be supplied to the parties, if applied for, as early as possible.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)