

19.04.2024.
24.
Ct.No.28
as
(Rejected)

C.R.M. (DB) 1111 of 2024

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with STF P.S. Case No.16 of 2020 dated 28.02.2020 under Sections 498A/489C/120B of the Indian Penal Code.

In the matter of : **Laishram Jinan.**

... Petitioner.

Ms. Mausumi Sarkar.

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Sandip Chakraborty,
Mr. Karan Bapuli.

...for the State.

1. Petitioner has prayed for bail on the ground of delay in trial. He is in custody for four years.
2. Learned Advocate for the State submits bail prayer of co-accused was turned down by this Court in January, 2024. Three witnesses have been examined. Examination of PW 4 is in progress.
3. We have considered the materials on record. Large volume of Fake Indian Currency Notes (for shot FICNs) was recovered from petitioner. Delay in the matter was engineered by the defence by seeking repeated adjournments. Presiding Officer was also absent for a period of time.
4. Under such circumstances, bail prayer of co-accused Jina Rongmei was turned down by this Court in January, 2024. There is no change in circumstance since then. Prosecution assures this Court trial shall be concluded within

six months from the next date fixed for recording evidence subject to co-operation by defence and systemic reasons.

5. Hence, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is rejected.

7. Trial court is directed to expedite the trial in light of the assurance given by the prosecution.

(Gaurang Kanth, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)