

applicants, the learned Additional Sessions Judge be requested to conclude the recording of evidence within a period of eight weeks.

4. The learned Special Public Prosecutor submits that the examination in chief of PW-80, the Investigating Officer, is likely to conclude soon. However, there are 11 accused and the cross-examination of the Investigating Officer may take time.

5. The Applicants are in custody for more than 11 years and five months. The report of the learned Additional Sessions Judge indicates that efforts have been made by the learned Additional Sessions Judge to conclude the trial expeditiously.

6. Nonetheless, without delving into the aspect, as to why the trial could not be completed, it may be expedient to request the learned Additional Sessions Judge to positively conclude the recording of evidence for prosecution by the end of October 2024.

7. The learned Special Public Prosecutor, on instructions, makes a statement that the prosecution shall not take any adjournment.

8. The Applicants and the other accused shall also render the

necessary co-operation to the learned Additional Sessions Judge to conclude the recording of the evidence of the prosecution witnesses, by the end of October 2024.

9. In the event the recording of evidence is not concluded by the end of October 2024, the applicants may have the liberty to revive the prayer for bail.

10. Bail Application stands disposed.

11. In view of disposal of the Bail Application No.2908 of 2024, Interim Application No.2853 of 2024 does not survive and stands disposed.

(N. J. JAMADAR, J.)