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In Re : An Application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure/under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 filed in connection with Suti Police Station Case no. 782 of 2023 dated 22.12.2023 under Sections 420/406/409/467 of the Indian Penal Code.

And

In Re : Sumani Mondal

Mr. Arindam Jana
Mr. Sudipta Dasgupta
Mr. Bikram Banerjee
Mr. Baibhav Roy
Mr. Yuvraj Chatterjee

... For the Petitioner.

Ms. Rituparna Ghose
Ms. Eshita Dutta

... For the State

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for 165 days. The petitioner lodged a complaint before the Block Development Officer on 8th August, 2023 alleging defalcation of Rs.1,48,63,704/- by the Ex Pradhan and others. She alleged that her signature was forged in several cheques for withdrawal of the said amount. A further complaint was also made by the Block Development Officer on 22nd December, 2023 and investigation commenced. In course of investigation the petitioner was interrogated and the allegedly forged signatures of the petitioner in the cheques were sent to the Questioned Documents Examination Bureau for verification. Upon receipt of the report from the department, it was found that though signature of the petitioner was forged in some of

the cheques, some cheques were in fact signed/issued by her. The petitioner happens to be the Pradhan of Bahutali Gram Panchayat, Murshidabad. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is a lady with two children to take care of.

Learned counsel for the State opposes the prayer.

I have considered the material on record. The case involves defalcation/misappropriation of huge amount of Government money.

Considering the material on record suggesting prima facie involvement of the petitioner in the alleged offence, prayer for bail is rejected at this stage.

The application for bail is disposed of.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh, J.)