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C.R.M. (M) 2143 of 2025

In Re: An application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 read with Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 filed in connection with Contai Police Station Case No.284 of 2024 dated 30.04.2024 under Sections 302/201/120B/34 of the Indian Penal Code;

Smt. Soma Santra
Versus
The State of West Bengal

Mr. Balaram Pandit
Mr. Krishna Deo Das.
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Ranadeb Sengupta
Mr. Prakash Mishra.
...for the State.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that out of 26 witnesses so cited by the prosecution, only two witnesses have been examined till date. The petitioner is in custody for more than 1½ years. As such, learned advocate appearing for the petitioner prays for bail on any stringent conditions.

On the other hand, learned advocate appearing for the State submits that the body of the deceased was buried and was recovered in presence of the BDO and other Executive Officers by the police authorities and the place was identified by the petitioner and her husband. The wearing apparels were also recovered pursuant to statements of the present petitioner and her husband.

I have considered the submissions of the learned advocate appearing for the petitioner as well as the learned advocate appearing for the State. On an assessment of the merit of the case, I

am not inclined to release the petitioner on bail.

So far as the progress of the trial is concerned, the same remains to be dissatisfactory. The Superintendent of Police, Purba Medinipur would engage a Nodal Officer so that there is a smooth progress of the trial and the appearance of the witnesses are ensured on the date so fixed by the learned trial court.

Learned advocate appearing for the State would communicate the copy of this order to the Superintendent of Police, Purba Medinipur.

Accordingly, CRM (M) 2143 of 2025 is dismissed at this stage.

All parties shall act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

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

(Tirthankar Ghosh, J.)