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C.R.M. (M) 2278 of 2025

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; read with Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 filed in connection with Sonarpur Police Station Case No.118 of 2020 dated 06.02.2020 under Sections 302/195A/120B of the Indian Penal Code;

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Versus
The State of West Bengal

Mr. Soubhik Mitter
Mr. S. Ganguly.
...for the petitioner.

Ms. Faria Hossain
Mr. Mirza Firoj Ahmed Begg.
...for the State.

Mr. Navanil De
Ms. Leena Panja
Mr. Subhrajit Dey.
...for the de facto complainant.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for 4 years 2 months and out of 22 witnesses proposed to be examined by the prosecution only 6 witnesses have been examined till date. Learned advocate submits that similarly placed accused persons have already been granted bail and the petitioner is unnecessarily detained in custody.

Learned advocate for the State opposes the prayer for bail and produces the case diary. It has also been submitted on instructions by the learned advocate appearing for the State that prosecution would examine 12 more witnesses in support of its case.

On an assessment of the witnesses who are proposed to be examined, I find that the said witnesses are either seizure list witnesses or associated with the Government department who can be produced on the date so fixed. Consequently, six months more time is granted to the prosecution to conclude all the 12 witnesses. Learned trial court will fix two schedules each month being of three dates and for each witness the learned trial court will not grant more than two dates. Petitioner would renew his prayer for bail after 15th May, 2026.

For the present, CRM(M) 2278 of 2025 is dismissed.

The investigating officer of the case is present in Court. His further appearance before this Court is dispensed with.

The investigating officer being present, he is directed to communicate this order to the learned public prosecutor in the trial court who would bring the directions to the notice of the learned trial court. The learned trial court is directed to adhere to the aforesaid guidelines and ensure that no unnecessary adjournment be granted to any of the parties and the trial of the case would continue in spite of any resolution of the local bar.

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.)

