

13.02.2026

Item No.42

Ct.No.35

dc.

Rejected

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS JURISDICTION**

C.R.M. (M) 232 of 2026

In Re : An Application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 corresponding to Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 filed in connection with Harwood Point Coastal Police Station Case No. 177 of 2023 dated 20.05.2023 under Sections 302/201 of the Indian Penal Code.

And

In Re : **Manoranjan Jana**

... Petitioner.

Mr. Kingsuk Mondal,
Mr. Partha Sarathi Mondal

... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Iqbal Kabir,
Ms. Pallavi Priyadarshee

... For the State.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is aged about 78 years and is in custody for 2 years 8 months 25 days. It has also been submitted that out of 28 witnesses cited by the prosecution, till date only one witness has been examined.

Learned advocate appearing for the State, on the other hand, opposes the prayer for bail and draws the attention of the Court to the orders passed and from where it is reflected that although witnesses were repeatedly present, but on absence of participation of the defence/accused, the trial of the case could not proceed.

Having considered that the accused has adopted a dilatory tactics to stretch the trial and take benefit of the

same, I am not inclined to release the petitioner on bail. As such, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is **rejected**.

The application for bail, being CRM (M) 232 of 2026, is, thus, dismissed.

All concerned 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 with all requisite formalities.

(Tirthankar Ghosh, J.)