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C.R.M. (M) 266 of 2026

In Re: An application for Bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 (Presently Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023) filed in connection with Ketugram Police Station Case No.629 of 2023 dated 12.08.2023 under Sections 498A/302 of the Indian Penal Code;

Sontosh Fouzdar @ Santosh Fouzdar
Versus
The State of West Bengal

Mr. S.H. Jamal
Mr. Nilendra Narayan Ray
Mr. Vaskar Pal.
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Anupam Das Adhikari
Mr. Saptarshi Chakraborty.
...for the State.

Learned advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been implicated in connection with the instant case for the death of his wife. It has been submitted that the incident took place after 26 years of marriage and the petitioner is in custody for 2½ years. In the meantime, only 8 witnesses have been examined out of the cited 17 witnesses. There were earlier directions from this Court to conclude the trial within schedule period of time.

Learned advocate for the State has produced the case diary.

I have taken into account the nature of the injury and the petitioner being the sole accused in the present case it has been complained that there was deferment of cross-examination

repeatedly for which the trial has stretched for a considerable period of time.

Having considered the medical report and the factum of the manner of death of the deceased, I am not inclined to release the petitioner on bail.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner in CRM(M)266 of 2026 is rejected.

As earlier directed, trial court would take steps for expediting the progress of the trial.

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.)