

19.02.2026

Sl. No.10.

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Ct.No.29.

CRR/717/2026

Manju Ari

Vs.

State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Rajdeep Majumder, Sr. Adv.,

Mr. Moyukh Mukherjee,

Ms. Sagnika Banerjee,

Ms. Sarmistha Basak

...for the petitioner

Being aggrieved by and dissatisfied with the fixing of next date at an unusual delay at the trial stage of a murder case, the petitioner has come before this Court for a direction upon the Court below for preponing the date of examination of prosecution witnesses. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that after completion of investigation police submitted charge-sheet against 10 FIR named accused persons and thereafter charge was framed against them and the complainant who is the alleged eye witness had deposed before the Court on 06.01.2026 but after recording five lines of her deposition, the Court adjourned the hearing of the trial on the basis of the prayer made on behalf of Public Prosecutor-in-Charge and thereby fixed a date five months thereafter on 9th June, 2026.

He further submits that the petitioner made an application for preponing the date of trial for the purpose of giving of the evidence of *de facto* complainant but the Court below neither accepted said application nor has passed any order in connection with such prayer.

Having heard learned Counsel for the petitioner it appears that the prayer made by the petitioner is innocuous and if it is allowed in terms of the prayer made by the petitioner, the opposite party will have no cause

to prejudice and, as such, service of copy of application upon the opposite parties is dispensed with.

Since the prayer made by the petitioner is justified in terms of fixing next date at an unusual delay, the instant Application being CRR 717 of 2026 is hereby disposed of with a direction upon the Court below to fix next date by 15th March, 2026 and thereafter he will make best efforts to expedite the trial, and if possible, to conduct trial day to day basis and to conclude the entire proceeding preferably within a period of one year from the next date of hearing.

Parties to act on a server copy of this order duly collected from the official website of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta.

(Dr. Ajoy Kumar Mukherjee, J.)