

30.04.2026  
Serial no. 1  
[G.S.D]

**CRM (M) 2639 of 2025**

In re : An Application for Bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973/under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 in connection with GR Case No. 737 of 2022 arising out of Farakka PS Case No. 116 of 2022 dated 13.04.2022, Session Case No. 106 of 2022, corresponding charge sheet no. 187 of 2022 dated 11.07.2022 u/s 395/412 of the IPC read with Sections 25(i)(a)/35 of the Arms Act.  
-And-

**In the matter of : Pravakar Sikdar & Ors.**

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                | ... Petitioner(s)               |
| Mr. Sekhar Kumar Basu, Sr Adv. |                                 |
| Mr. Muhammad Obaid             |                                 |
|                                | ... for the Petitioner(s)       |
| Mr. Sanjay Banerjee            |                                 |
| Ms. Debolina Das               |                                 |
|                                | ... for the State-respondent(s) |

The petitioners were arrested on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and are in custody since then.

The prosecution *initially* relied upon 56 witnesses in order to prove its case and, subsequently, has examined 37 witnesses.

Mr. Basu, learned Senior Advocate, appearing for the petitioners submits that considering the period of detention of the present petitioners as well as the evidence which has surfaced, the petitioners may be released on bail.

Learned advocate for the State earlier has submitted a report which reflects that LSI, Salma Farida was being examined. Her examination-in-chief is complete and cross-examination was deferred and the next date has been fixed

on 16.05.2026. The report also speaks that four more witnesses who have been relied upon in the supplementary charge-sheet have been proposed to be examined which includes Handwriting Expert; Assistant Director, State Forensic Science Laboratory, Finger Print Expert and the Investigating Officer of the case.

Having considered the overall circumstances of the case and taking into account the period for which the present petitioners are in custody and the fact that the trial of the case being at an advance stage, I direct the learned trial court to complete the examination of all the witnesses proposed by the prosecution within three months from the next date fixed. No unnecessary adjournment be granted to any of the parties and the trial of the case would continue inspite of any resolution of the local Bar.

However, if the petitioners cooperate with the trial and there is no delay contributed to the present petitioners, the learned trial court after the aforesaid period is over, if it is of the opinion that some time will be required to take the trial to its logical conclusion, in that case, if any application is preferred by the petitioners, the learned trial court would release the present petitioners on bail.

With the aforesaid observations, CRM (M) 2639 of 2025 is disposed of.

Pending application(s), if any, is also disposed of.

The learned advocate for the State would within a week from date communicate this order to the learned trial court *in seisin* of the case.

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

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

**(Tirthankar Ghosh, J.)**