

SC (Spl) Case No.15 of 2024.
(ST No.43 of 2025)

LATER,
Or. No.28.
Dt.6.05.2026.

The court finds it necessary to pass an order in view of the email of Dr. Sandip Ghosh, Asstt. Director, Biology Division, FSL, Govt. of West Bengal and similar prayer on behalf of Shilpa Chakraborty, Reporting Officer, CF & DEEL, Govt. of West Bengal, both being witnesses in this case urging to record their depositions through Video Conferencing Mode.

The Ld. Spl. PP has informed the court that both the witnesses are expert witnesses and they have intimated to be examined through VC. The prosecution has requested the court to arrange accordingly.

It would apt to place on record that the process of recording evidence/deposition of any witness is being guided by the VC Rules framed by Hon'ble Court and that there has been Gazette Notification mentioning the remote points all over the State wherefrom the witness can be examined through Video Conferencing Mode. However, it is required to note that the VC rules framed by the Hon'ble Court has not yet been notified to come into force as per Rule 1(1) of the said Rule. Pertinent further to note that in view of R.18, the required software has not developed yet and since technicalities not addressed as required under the law and more over since the rule itself has not been notified, no witness can be examined under such V.C rules.

Accordingly, the prosecution is directed to inform the witnesses about technical and legal disqualification to proceed with examination of the witnesses through Video Conferencing Mode and that to produce the witness physically before the court for examination.

To date.

Dictated & Corrected by me

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