

**ST 05 (08) 2023**

**Reg. 99/2020**

**Present- Sri B. Lama, ADJ, F.T.C-I, Sealdah.**

**Order no. 26**

**13.10.2023**

Today is fixed for evidence of CSW no.1. Sole accused namely Palas Roy is produced from JC.

Ld PP files hazira of one witness namely Pintu Sardar. Ld Advocate for the accused person is absent on repeated calls. It is now 2 pm.

At this stage, the accused namely Palas Roy, on being asked by the Court, discloses that he has got no lawyer to defend him. No one has appeared to defend *Palas Roy* in spite of repeated calls.

The principle of natural justice demands that the accused should get equal opportunity to defend himself through Lawyer. However, recording of evidence, without engagement of lawyer for the accused person, would amount to gross injustice to the accused for which appointment of the lawyer from the state expenses has become absolute necessity. Accordingly, Ld Secretary, DLSA, South 24 Parganas is requested to depute a lawyer from the panel prepared by the DLSA, South 24 Parganas to defend the accused *Palas Roy* in connection with present case at the earliest opportunity.

Fix 15.12.2023 for evidence, production and appointment of lawyer on behalf of the accused Palas Roy by Ld Secretary, DLSA, South 24 Parganas. The witness be discharged without examination.

Let a copy of this order be sent to the office of Ld Secretary, DLSA, South 24 Parganas for information and further necessary action.

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