S.C. 80/20 **J.O Code:- WB1302 CNR No. WB WM06-000561-2020**

Order No. 26
24.8.21

Today is fixed for hearing of the bail petition dt. 17.8.21.

Ld. Advocate for the State and Ld. Advocate for the accused person are virtually present before this Court.

C.D is found available today. The record is now taken up for hearing of the said bail petition in **virtual mode**.

Ld. Advocate on behalf of the accused person namely Ratan Bari submitted that this accused person is in custody for long time since 14.07.2020 and that he may be enlarged on bail on the ground of prolonged detention. He also submitted that the wife of the accused person is is presently suffering from urinary infection and is hospitalised and that his two minor sons have no one to look after at home. He further submitted that the petitioner is the sole bread earner of the family and that his detention in custody in this case has virtually led to starvation of the entire family. He also submitted that there is no likelihood of early trial of this case because of the present Covid situation. He prayed for release of this accused petitioner on any conditional bail.

Ld. P.P. In-charge submitted that as the bail petition has been made purely on humanitarian grounds he leaves the matter to the discretion of this court.

Heard both the sides. Perused the record and the bail petition. Considered.

It appears from the submission of the Ld. defence counsel as well as from the medical documents of the wife of the accused person who was also an accused in this case and granted bail, that she is under treatment in hospital. It further appears that the family of the accused person consist of two minor sons who are also accused persons and have been granted bail in this case. It is certain that early trial of this case is a remote possibility due to the present uncertain Covid situation. The accused person is found to be in custody for more than a year. Considering the above facts and circumstances and the long detention of the petitioner in custody and present uncertainty of commencement of trial due to Covid-19 situation the bail petition of petitioner Ratan Bari is hereby considered and allowed on this day. Accused Ratan Bari may be enlarged on **interim** bail on furnishing bond of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand) with two sureties of Rs. 2500/- (Rupees two thousand five hundred) each **one of whom must be a local surety** subject to the satisfaction of Ld. A.C.J.M., Jhargram **on condition that the petitioner shall attend this court on the next date positively and shall not try to intimidate/influence any of the remaining witnesses of this case.**

Let a copy of this order be sent to Ld. A.C.J.M., Jhargram at once.

The interim bail shall continue and be valid till the next date i;.e on 21.9.21 on which date the petitioner must remain present before the Court.

To date **(21.09.2021)** for production of accused Ratan Bari/appearance, if on bail and appearance of the other accused person on bail and consideration of charge.

Dict. & Cort. by me. A.D.J. 1st Court, Jhargram.

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