

02.05.2023

Item No.8

Ct. No.1

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W.P.A. 1170 of 2011

**Bar Association, High Court at Calcutta & Anr.
Vs.
State of West Bengal & Ors.**

Mr. Pantu Deb Roy
Mr. Achintya Kumar Banerjee
Mr. Sanjoy Bardhan
Mr. Amit Kumar Das

.....for the Petitioners

Mr. Kumar Jyoti Tewari

.....for the U.O.I.

Mr. Amajit De

..... Special P.P., C.B.I.

1. This public interest writ petition has been filed by the Bar Association, High Court, Calcutta with regard to a gruesome incident, which took place in which nine people were shot dead. The Hon'ble Division Bench had passed several orders with a view to monitor the investigation and ultimately the trial. Two of the accused persons had moved for bail in C.R.M.(DB) 198 of 2023 and the Hon'ble Division Bench partly allowed the application in respect of one of the accused persons and rejected the prayer for bail in respect of the other accused. The Hon'ble Division Bench with a view to monitor the trial has issued

various directions including a direction to the learned Trial Court to submit report with regard to the progress in the trial before the learned Registrar General of this Court every three months so that its progress can be monitored and the proceedings be taken to its logical conclusion at the earliest.

2. Subsequently, another application for bail was filed in C.R.M.(DB) 949 of 2023 and in the said order, the Hon'ble Division bench noted that the trial is progressing on a day to day basis and as per the report filed by the learned Trial Court, a number of dates have been fixed in the month of April and May, 2023 for recording prosecution evidence.
3. The Hon'ble Division has adjourned the matter till 19th May, 2023 with a firm hope that the prosecution of the case shall substantially progress in the meantime.
4. Thus, since the Hon'ble Division Bench has already seised of the matter and direction has been issued to monitor the progress of the trial, we are of the view that this writ petition should be tagged along with C.R.M.(DB) 949 of 2023 and

be listed along with the said matter on 19th May, 2023.

5. Let this matter be placed before the Hon'ble the Acting Chief Justice for necessary assignment.

(T. S. SIVAGNANAM)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(HIRANMAY BHATTACHARYYA, J.)