

**20.07.2022**

**IA No. CRAN No.2 of 2022  
IN  
CRR 1727 of 2022**

**Sukanta Kumar Mukherjee  
Vs.  
State of West Bengal and Anr.**

Mr. Sandipan Ganguly, Sr. Adv.,  
Mr. Somopriyo Chowdhury, Adv.,  
Mr. Ayush Jain, Adv.,  
Ms. Deepti Priya, Adv.

...For the petitioner

Mr. Rudradipta Nandy, Adv.,  
Mr. Ranadeb Sengupta, Adv.,  
Ms. Sreeparna Das, Adv.

.... For the State

This is an application for extension of interim order.

Affidavit of service be kept with the record.

It is submitted by the learned Senior Counsel on behalf of the petitioner that this court while admitting the instant revision stayed the impugned proceeding for a period of five weeks after the summer vacation. It is submitted by him that in view of a newspaper reporting regarding the death of a supporter of a political party, a news item was published. On 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 one Md. Abid lodged a written complaint with the Officer-in-Charge of Jorasanko Police Station stating, inter alia,

that the petitioner being a field reporter of an electronic news channel allegedly broadcast a false and concocted report. In the said incident that the said worker of the political party was reportedly murdered though he committed suicide. A case under Section 153/504/120B of the IPC was registered against the petitioner. It is submitted by the learned Senior Counsel on behalf of the petitioner that during the pendency of the instant revision further investigation of the case should be stayed, otherwise the instant revision will be infructuous.

Learned P.P-in-Charge, on the other hand has raised vehement objection against the prayer for extension of interim order of stay and prays for modification of the order of stay allowing the Investigating Officer to interrogate the petitioner under Section 41A of the Cr.P.C with a rider that the Investigating Officer cannot take coercive action against the petitioner.

Having heard the learned Advocates for the petitioner and the State of West Bengal, interim order of stay which was granted on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 be extended for a further period of six weeks.

Matter be listed under the heading for orders in the monthly list of September, 2022.

**(Bibek Chaudhuri, J.)**