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Ct.05

W.P.A. 11863 of 2026

Shahid Afridi Molla

-vs-

The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Abhishek Halder,
Ms. Madhurima Basu,
Mr. Debabrata Halder,
Ms. Pritha Chatterjee

....for the petitioner.

Mr. Suryaneel Das,
Ms. Anita Kundu
Ms. Sumita Sarkar

....for the State.

1. Affidavit-of-service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.
2. It is submitted by the learned advocate representing the petitioner that based on the complaint of the petitioner criminal prosecution has commenced by registering an FIR.
3. It is also submitted that petitioner moved pre-arrest bail application and same was allowed. However, it is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that police authority may be directed to inform the petitioner whether any other criminal prosecutions are pending against him or not.
4. Mr. Das, learned Additional Government Pleader submits that if petitioner is interested to get information with regard to pendency of other criminal prosecutions it will be open to the petitioner to submit an application under the Right to Information Act,

2005.

5. Having considered the submissions made on behalf of the parties, it appears that preliminary grievance of the petitioner stands redressed since complaint of the petitioner is transformed into an FIR by initiating criminal prosecution. However, at the same time prayer is made on behalf of the petitioner for giving direction upon the concerned police authorities to inform him if any other criminal prosecutions are pending apart from the present criminal prosecution.
6. Such prayer is opposed on behalf of the State respondents in view of provisions contained under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
7. However, as per norms, if a criminal prosecution is initiated against a person same is required to be uploaded on the portal. Therefore, this Court finds that there is no impediment in giving direction upon the concerned police authorities to disseminate information regarding pendency of other criminal prosecutions to the petitioner, if others prosecutions are pending.
8. The Deputy Inspector General of Police (Law) is directed to inform the petitioner whether any other criminal prosecutions are pending against him or not by fortnight from the date of communication of this order.

9. Leave is granted to the learned advocate for the petitioner to amend the cause title and array Deputy Inspector General of Police (Law) as additional respondent in course of this day.
10. However, service of notice upon the additional respondent stands dispensed with since State respondents are represented by learned Additional Government Pleader.
11. Writ petition stands disposed of.
12. Urgent photostat certified copy of the order, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon usual undertakings.

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)