

06.01.2026
Court No.30
Item No.72
Sudipta

CRR 19 of 2026

Manoj Kumar Paul
Vs.
The State of West Bengal & Anr.

Mr. D. Chatterjee
Ms. Satabdi Das
Mr. Rahul Deb Goenka
Mr. Mainak Singha Barma
Ms. Sunanda Chatterjee

...for the petitioner.

Mr. Bitasok Banerjee

...for the State.

1. The revisional application has been preferred challenging the proceedings being Spl POCSO Case No. 55 of 2025 in Rampurhat P.S. Case NO. 465 of 2025 under Section 137 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita along with 140(i) / 103 (i) / 238(A) along with Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012, pending before the learned Additional District Judge, Rampurhat, Birbhum.
2. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner at this stage and the nature of relief **praying for a legal aid counsel**, report is required to be called for from the local police station in respect of the statements made therein.
3. Accordingly, Mr. Bitasok Banerjee, learned empanelled counsel of the Government of West Bengal is appointed to represent the State in the present case. Let his appointment be regularized.

4. Let a copy of the revisional application be served upon the learned counsel for the State.
5. State is directed to place the report before this Court.
6. Petitioner is further directed to serve upon the opposite parties including the victim and file affidavit of service on the next date.
7. As it is submitted that the accused is not able to get a learned counsel to defend his case including a legal aid counsel and the trial has proceeded substantially without the petitioner being defended by a counsel, and being unable to enter the Court to depose or be defended is unable to appear and pray for an adjournment. The proceedings before the learned Trial Court be stayed till 13th January, 2026 or until further order, whichever is earlier.
8. Let the matter be fixed for hearing on 13th January, 2026.

[Shampa Dutt (Paul), J.]