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ITEM NO.63

COURT NO.5

SECTION II-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 60183/2024

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 03-12-2024 in CRM(DB) No. 2171/2024 passed by the High Court at Calcutta]

MAHATAB ALI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 19747/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 19748/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 19746/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..))

Date : 27-01-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABHAY S. OKA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

For Petitioner(s) :Ms. Kaveeta Wadia, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Shashank Tripathi, AOR
Ms. Chhavi Jain, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Permission to file SLP is granted.

Delay condoned.

Issue notice, returnable on 28th February, 2025.

We find from SLP which arise out of orders on bail applications filed before the High Court of Calcutta that regular bail applications and anticipatory bail applications are being heard by Division Benches. When there is a huge filing and pendency of the bail applications, we wonder why regular bail

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applications and anticipatory bail applications are being heard by the Division Bench of this High Court especially when in case of all other High Courts, the bail matters are being heard by the learned Single Judges. The question is whether two Hon'ble Judges of the High Court should be devoting time for dealing with regular bail applications.

We, therefore, direct the Registrar (Judicial) of the High Court of Calcutta to place on record a report why regular bail applications/anticipatory bail applications are being heard by the Division Bench. He is directed to furnish the data of bail applications and anticipatory bail applications filed in 2024 and pendency of such applications as of today.

Liberty is granted to serve the learned standing counsel for the respondent-State, in addition.

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
AR-cum-PS

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)