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C. R. A. (DB) 68 of 2022
(CRAN 1 of 2022)
(CRAN 2 of 2024)

In Re : Putul Ghosh

..... Appellant

1. Perused report. Report discloses irregularities in the trial court records which have been dispatched to the court.
2. Let the records be sent down to the trial court. Necessary corrections be made within a fortnight from date and records be transmitted to this court.
3. On a number of occasions this court has noted delay in transmission of trial court records to this court. As a result, preparation of paper books is delayed. This contributes to delay in disposal of appeals.
4. Existing rules do not prescribe a time frame for dispatch of trial court records to the High Court. Rules also do not prescribe the time frame within which rectification of records are to be made or paper books prepared on receipt of records.
5. To supplement the Rules we pass the following practice directions :-
 - (i) *Trial court shall dispatch the trial court records in physical form within 30 days from receipt of communication from the High Court. In the event there is delay, an explanation shall be submitted before the Registrar General who shall place the matter before the Bench having determination for necessary directions.*
 - (ii) *In addition to dispatch in physical form, trial courts upon receipt of communication from the department may also*

forthwith dispatch a scanned copy of the records to the High Court.

- (iii) *Department shall within fifteen days upon receipt of trial court records inspect the same and in the event defects are noted in the records received the Bench having determination shall pass appropriate orders in regard to rectification of defects or preparation of paper books ignoring such defects (if they are minor) as the case may be.*
- (iv) *In the event the Bench directs rectification of the records by the trial court, the same shall be done within the time frame prescribed by the Bench concerned.*
- (v) *In the event of delay, trial court shall furnish explanation before the Registrar General who shall place the same before the Bench for necessary directions.*
- (vi) *Department shall prepare paper books within four weeks of verification of records.*
- (vii) *In respect of appeals under Section 415 sub-section (4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the trial court records shall be sent within fifteen days from receipt of communication, verification be done within seven days thereof and paper books be prepared within seven days thereafter so that the appeal may be disposed of within six months from filing of such appeal.*

6. These practice directions are in addition to the Rules framed by this court in respect of preparation of paper books in criminal appeals.

7. Let a copy of this order be communicated to the Registrar General, High Court, Calcutta who shall communicate the same to the

Departments of this court and all trial courts in the State of West Bengal as well as Andaman & Nicobar Islands for necessary compliance.

(Subhendu Samanta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)