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Appellate Side
(Through Video Conference)

In the matter of : Anis Khan

Mr. Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Koustav Bagchi,
Mr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee,
Mr. Shamim Ahamed,
Mr. Debayan Ghosh,
Ms. Priti Kar,
Mr. Sayan Banerjee
... for the petitioner

Mr. Amitesh Banerjee, Ld. Senior Standing Counsel.
... for the State.

The Court: The matter was mentioned expressing extreme urgency. A grave and emergent situation is stated to have emerged. In a shocking turn of events, one Anis Khan who is a social activist is stated to have been murdered. The said Anis Khan is stated to have publicly raised voice, inter alia, against donations being demanded by educational institutions and the poor condition of certain hospitals in Uluberia.

It is submitted that on the 19th February 2022 the Civic Volunteers/personnel of the Amta Police, stated to be acting at the instance of the Bagnan Police and under their pressure, went on to interrogate the said Anis Khan. When the police reached his residence, they met his

father on the ground floor and went up to the 3rd floor on the pretext of speaking to his son. It is submitted that after reaching the 3rd floor, the said Anis Khan was brutally beaten up by the Police, murdered and thrown over from the said higher floor.

It is submitted that the authorities with a view to placate the situation, have offered a job to the deceased Anis Khan's brother. It is also apprehended that investigation may be frustrated and compromised since allegations are primarily against the members of the ruling dispensation.

Let the papers in the form of a list of dates and a notarized affidavit dated 21st February, 2022 be served on Mr. Amitesh Banerjee, learned Senior Standing Counsel for the State. Further, any other facts may also be communicated to Mr. Banerjee. Mr. Banerjee may take appropriate instructions from the State and make appropriate submissions on the adjourned date i.e. 24th February, 2022.

Let a comprehensive formal writ petition be prepared and served on Mr. Banerjee by tomorrow.

The Registry is directed to number the instant writ petition as a suo motu petition.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)