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**C.R.M. 12209 of 2019**  
**With**  
**C.R.M. 12355 of 2019 (d/o)**  
**With**  
**C.R.M. 12293 of 2019 (d/o)**

**Aijul Gharami**  
**Vs.**  
**State of West Bengal**

Mr. Ayan Bhattacharya  
Mr. Anand Keshri

... .. for the petitioner in  
C.R.M. 12209 of 2019

Mr. Saptanshu Basu, Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Uttam Majumder  
Mr. Pravas Bhattacharya  
Mr. S.D. Mahapatra

... .. for the alleged contemnors/  
Medinipur Bar Association/  
District Bar Association, Medinipur

Mr. Arun Kr. Maity, APP  
Ms. Z.N. Khan  
Ms. Trina Mitra

... .. for the State in CRM 12209 of 2019

Mr. Pradipta Ganguly

... .. for the State in CRM 12355 of 2019

Mr. Madhusudan Sur, APP  
Mr. Manoranjan Mahata

... .. for the State in CRM 12293 of 2019

All these matter are taken up together.

Reports filed on behalf of the State be kept with the record.

Presence of the alleged contemnors are noted and dispensed with at  
present.

Senior counsels appearing for the alleged contemnors submit that their clients tender unqualified apology for their conduct.

These matters relate to protracted cessation of work in law courts in the District Judgship of Paschim Medinipur due to wildcat lawyers' strike which impeded the administration of justice in the district. Public servants including judges, police personnel and other stakeholders were not allowed to enter court premises. Witnesses particularly victims could not be examined resulting in delay and incalculable inconvenience to them. These matters came to our notice through police reports filed by the police administration of the District Paschim Medinipur. Report of the District Judge, Paschim Medinipur also endorses such facts.

Under such circumstances, we consider it prudent to direct the alleged contemnors to place on record their responses by way of affidavits.

Copies of the reports which are the foundation of the instant proceedings including the one filed in Court today may be served upon them through their counsel.

They are directed to file their respective affidavits in response to the said reports and to show-cause why contempt proceeding shall not be initiated against them for obstruction and/or interference with administration of justice. Affidavits shall be filed by the adjourned date.

As the matters involve same questions of fact and law, the matters may be heard analogously and each of the alleged contemnors may file one affidavit in response to the notices issued in these matters.

The matters will appear on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

Further report of progress of trial in CRM 12209 of 2019 be filed on that date.

**(Suvra Ghosh, J.)**

**(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)**