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W.P.A No. 3271 of 2022
(Through Video Conference)

Salem Khan
Vs.
State of West Bengal and Ors.

(Through Video Conference)

Mr. Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Rabi Sankar Chatterjee,
Mr. Samim Ahammed,
Mr. Imteaz Ahammed,
Ms. Saloni Bhattacharya,
Ms. Gulsanwara Pervin,
Mr. Sabyasachi Chatterjee,
Mr. Kaustav Bagchi,
Mr. Debayan Ghosh,
Ms. Priti Kar,
Ms. Debolina Sarkar,
Mr. R. Mukherjee,
Mr. Akashdeep Mukherjee

... for the Petitioner.

Mr. S.N. Mookherjee, Ld. Advocate General,
Mr. Amitesh Banerjee, Ld. Senior Advocate,
Mr. Anirban Ray, Ld. Government Pleader,
Mr. Manoj Malhotra,
Mr. Saaqib Siddique,
Mr. Debashis Ghosh,
Mr. Aviroop Mitra

... for the State.

Mr. Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that his client cannot offer comments on the reports since large portions have not been disclosed. The non-disclosure was permitted by this Court on the earlier occasion to ensure that the investigation is not prejudiced in any manner.

Let this matter stand adjourned and be listed on **April 18, 2022**. It is expected that the investigation will be completed in the meantime.

Extension of time shall not be considered except for reasons completely beyond the control of the Investigating Agency.

It is submitted that FSL and CFSL reports are awaited by the Investigating Agency. The laboratories and/or institutions preparing the reports, are requested to expedite the process and ensure such reports positively reach the SIT within a period of one week from date.

The State shall communicate a copy of this order to the Directors of the respective forensic institutions. The Special Investigation Team (SIT) shall function without external interference.

All parties shall act on the server copy of this order duly downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Rajasekhar Mantha, J.)