

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SIKKIM

ORDER SHEET

Bail Application No. 1 of beg 200°

 $... \textbf{Shyam.Kumar}.. \textbf{Subba}...... Petitioner/Appellant}$

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2006 by the learned Sessions Judge, interalia, on the ground that the accused is a

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daily worker and might very well abscond if granted bail.

The second Bail Application was made in February, 2007. The Charge sheet has been filed and trial is going on. The two victims have already been examined. The second Bail Application was directed to be put up after the examination of the victims. This direction had been given before the examination actually took place, and after the examination, instead of praying for a date before the learned Sessions Judge, a fresh bail application has been made before the High Court.

In the State of Sikkim, there is hardly any backlog of cases, trial is going on and if the accused renders co-operation it will be soon over. The learned Sessions Judge is giving the case his best attention; interfering with the Sessions procedure now would be most unjust and demoralising. The discretion in regard to refusal of bail already

exercised by the Sessions Judge is to be

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in the prevailing facts and circumstances of the case once again as and when a date is prayed for for hearing of the second Bail Application.

This order of refusal is without prejudice and shall not, in any manner interfere with the discretion of the learned Sessions Judge to grant bail or not to grant it in future. That the accused has one living daughter (another having unfortunately expired in October 2006) who is allegedly married to a son-in-law who has no work, can hardly be a primary matter in regard to grant of bail by the High Court. Bail Application is rejected.

(Ajoy Nath Ray, CJ)

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