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Lifer gets bail from high court

Justice D P Sengupta and Justice A K Bhattacharjee of Calcutta High Court rejected the bail plea of lifer Surendra Nath Adhikary of Cooch Behar. He was sentenced to life on March 18, 2005 for murder. The trial court found Adhikary and three others guilty of the murder of Dilip Sarkar. Among those convicted and sentenced was Sarkar's wife Lakshmi who was allegedly having an affair with Adhikary. The petitioner's lawyers Sekhar Basu and Phiroze Edulji argued before the high court that the prosecution has been unable to establish Adhikary's involvement in the matter. Though the bail plea was rejected, the court has admitted Adhikary's appeal.