

In The High Court At Calcutta
Criminal Revisional Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

01.12.2020
Ct. No. 13
Item No.1

(Via Video Conference)

In Re:- An application for bail under section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with English Bazar P.S. Case No. 938 of 2013 dated 28.10.2013 under Sections 406/420/465/468/471 of the Indian Penal Code.

CRM 6867 of 2020
Manaranjan Naskar
v.
The State of West Bengal
with
IA No. CRAN/1/2020

Mr. Sourav Chatterjee
Mr. Soumya Nag
... for the petitioner.

Mr. Rana Mukherjee
Mr. Binay Panda
Ms. Puspita Saha
... for the State.

... for the petitioner.

Mr. Chatterjee, learned advocate for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is in custody for more than 270 days and prays for bail.

The Learned Advocate further submits that considering the period of detention and on the grounds stated in the charge

sheet the principal accused has been left out for reasons best known to the Investigating Officer.

Mr. Mukherjee, learned advocate along with Mr. Panda, learned advocate appears on behalf of the State. On scanning of the case diary, it is reflected from the papers under Section 172 Cr.P.C. that the specimen signature of the accused has been collected very recently on or about middle of November, 2020.

In view of the prayer of the investigating agency for filing supplementary charge sheet the opinion of the expert to the best of the understanding of the Court is required.

Thus, considering the stage of investigation and the period for which the petitioner was not available within the reach of the investigating agency, I do not think it would be fit and proper to release the petitioner on bail till the final opinion of the examiner of question document is received by the investigating agency. Needless to state that the manner in which the transaction has been carried out is sufficient in the ordinary course of things to dislodge or disrupt the confidence of the banking system.

Having regard to the aforesaid, the application for bail of the petitioner is rejected at this stage.