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C.R.M. 3668 of 2021

In Re : An application for bail under section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 09.03.2021 in connection with Bhimpur P.S. case no. 272 of 2020 dated 01.11.2020 under sections 376AB/448/354 of the IPC and Section 10 of the POCSO Act,

And

In Re : Abhijit Sadhukhan @ Gongra

..... petitioner

Mr. Snehansu Majumder

..... for the petitioner

Mr. Imran Ali

Mr. Manashi Roy

..... for the State

Petitioner renews his prayer for bail. He is in custody for about a year.

Learned lawyer for the State opposes the prayer for bail and submits that the victim is a minor girl.

We have considered the statements of the witnesses, particularly that of the victim girl, recorded under Section 164 of the Cr.P.C.

In view of the gravity of offence and as the evidence of the victim minor girl has not yet been recorded, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

The Trial Court is directed to proceed with the trial of the case with utmost expedition and conclude the same at an early date preferably within 6 months from the next date fixed for evidence, keeping in mind the statutory mandate under 35(2) of the POCSO Act.

(Aniruddha Roy, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)