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(AD) 08.12.2021

Court No.28

(Rejected)

C.R.M. 6056 of 2021
(Via Video Conference)

In Re: - An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Islampur** P.S. Case No.**379 of 2021** dated **20/06/2021** under Sections **328/376/384** of the Indian Penal Code and under Section **67A** of Information & Technology Act, 2000.

And

In the matter of: Chan Ali

....petitioner.

Ms. Minoti Gomes

Ms. Priya Chakraborty

...for the petitioner.

Ms. Z.N. Khan

Ms. Sreeparna Das

... for the State.

Mr. Sabyasachi Banerjee

Ms. Diksha Ghosh

... for the de facto complainant.

Petitioner is in custody for 171 days. It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that there is delay in lodging the First Information Report. Investigation is complete.

Learned Advocate for the State opposes the prayer for bail. She submits that the petitioner had ravished the victim and thereafter threatened to upload the objectionable pictures until she pays Rs.5 lacs. Sum of Rs.2 lacs was paid. However, as the remainder was not paid, objectionable pictures were uploaded.

Learned Advocate for the de facto complainant also opposes the prayer for bail.

We have considered the materials on record including the statement of the victim lady. The allegations against the petitioner are very serious. He not only ravished the victim but also extorted money from her on the threat of uploading

objectionable pictures. Contemporaneous statement of the victim is corroborated by other materials on record.

In view of the aforesaid facts and particularly the gravity of the offence, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is rejected.

C.R.M. 6056 of 2021 is, thus, dismissed.

(Bivas Pattanayak, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)