

16.12.2021
Court No.01
Item No. 14
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**CIRCUIT BENCH OF CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
AT JALPAIGURI**

(Via Video Conference)

**CRM 120 of 2021
CRAN 1 of 2021**

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with New Jalpaiguri Police Station Case No. 1007 of 2020 dated 15.08.2020 under Section 04 of the POCSO Act.

And

In Re: **Laljee Mahato**

....Petitioner

Mr. Anirban Banerjee
Ms. Madhushri Dutta

... For the Petitioner

Mr. Aditi Shankar Chakraborty, Addl. PP
Mr. Sagnik Sankar Sikdar

... For the State

Having considered the statement of the victim recorded under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure directly implicating the petitioner in the commission of the alleged offence and bearing in mind the complicity of the petitioner in the alleged offence, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

The application for bail being CRM 120 of 2021 and the application being CRAN 1 of 2021 are accordingly disposed of.

However, we direct the learned District Judge, Jalpaiguri to expedite framing of charges and thereafter, to proceed with the trial as expeditiously as possible.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, of applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance of all requisite formalities.

(Biswajit Basu, J.)

(Soumen Sen, J.)