

CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
IN THE CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI

CRM 164 of 2021
(Through Video Conference)

In Re: - An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Metali Police Station Case No. 35 of 2019 dated March 9, 2019 under Sections 376 AB of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and adding Section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

And

In the matter of: Amit Oraon

.... Petitioner

Mr. Hillol Saha Podder

... For the Petitioner

Mr. Nilay Chakraborty,
Ms. Namrata Das

... For the State

The prayer for bail with the petitioner was last rejected on January 9, 2020. The petitioner renews the prayer for bail in view of the long period of detention.

Learned advocate appearing for the State submits that the trial has already commenced.

Having regard to the materials on record and the nature of allegation as appearing 164 statement of the victim girl, we are of the opinion that the petitioner should not be enlarged on bail at this stage, but the trial of the case should be expedited.

Accordingly, this application of bail is disposed of with a direction upon the learned trial Judge to conclude the trial as

expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of one year from date.

The application for bail stands rejected at this stage.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)

(Kausik Chanda, J.)