

CRM (A) 462 of 2022

In re : An Application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 28.01.2022 in connection with Pandua Police Station Case No. 20 of 2022 dated 14.01.2022 under Sections 376DA/506 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 6 of the POCSO Act.

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In the matter of : **Badal Mondal**

... ...Petitioner

Mr. Rana Mukherjee, Advocate

Ms. Sujata Das, Advocate

... ... For the Petitioner

Mr. Abhra Mukherjee, Advocate

Ms. Sayanti Santra, Advocate

... ... For the State

Petitioner seeks anticipatory bail.

Learned Advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was falsely implicated. He highlights the fact that the first information report was lodged six months after the alleged incident falsely implicating the petitioner.

Learned Advocate appearing for the State draws the attention of the Court to the statement recorded under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the victim girl.

Considering the gravity of the offence and the complicity of the petitioner therein as appearing from the materials in the case diary, we are unable to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Consequently, CRM (A) 462 of 2022 is rejected.

(Debangsu Basak, J.)

(Bibhas Ranjan De, J.)