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C.R.M.(DB) No. 1388 of 2022

In Re : An application for bail under section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Berhampore P.S Case No. 620 of 2020** dated **29.06.2020** under Sections **376/370/372/373/120B** of the Indian Penal Code & Sections 3/4/5/7 of the Immoral Traffic And prevention act, 1956 and Sections 4/8/12/17 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012.

And

Rejected

In Re : Tanmoy Howladar @ Tanmay Howlader
..... petitioner

Mr. Kingsuk Mondal

..... for the petitioner

Mr. Madhusudan Sur, Ld. A.P.P.

Mr. Manoranjan Mahata

..... for the State

Petitioner renews his prayer for bail. He is in custody over 700 days.

Learned lawyer for the State submits that petitioner is the manager of the hotel where prostitution was carried on.

We have considered the materials on record prima facie disclosing involvement of the petitioner as the manager of the hotel where prostitution was being carried on. He does not stand on the same footing with co accused who has been enlarged on bail as he was a mere customer. In view of the gravity of the offence inviting trafficking of women for sexual exploitation and the prima facie involvement of the petitioner therein, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

Trial Court is directed to take prompt steps for consideration of charge at the earliest and in the event the charge is framed to conduct the trial ensuring immediate examination of the vulnerable witnesses and to conclude the same at an early date.

The application being CRM(DB) No. 1388 of 2022 is rejected.

(Ananya Bandyopadhyay, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)