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[Rejected]

C. R. M. (DB) 1716 of 2022

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 08.06.2022 in connection with Gariahat Police Station Case No. 176 of 2016 dated 18.10.2016 under Sections 366A/120B/370/372/373 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3/4/5/6/7 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act.

And

In Re: ***Pradip Banerjee***

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Deepak Prahladka

... .. for the petitioner

Mr. Saswata Gopal Mukherjee .. Ld. Public Prosecutor

Ms. Faria Hossain

Mr. Anand Kesari

... .. for the State

Having considered the materials on record prima facie disclosing involvement of the petitioner in trafficking women for sexual exploitation, we are of the opinion in view of the gravity of the offence this is not a fit case to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

The application for bail is thus **rejected**.

However, in view of the protracted period of detention suffered by the petitioner, we direct the trial court to expedite the trial and conclude the same at an early date preferably within six months from the next date fixed for recording evidence without granting unnecessary adjournments to either of the parties.

(Ananya Bandyopadhyay, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)