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C.R.M. (A) 4175 of 2022

In Re : An application for anticipatory bail under section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Malda PS Case no 276 of 2022 dated 1.7.2022 under sections 448/376/506 of the IPC

And

In Re : Jahangir Alam petitioner

Ms. M Gomes

..... for the petitioner

Mr. Siladitya Banerjee

..... for the State

It is contended that the petitioner is 50% disabled and there is delay in lodging FIR.

Learned lawyer for the State opposes the prayer for bail and submits petitioner is the husband of a Panchayat member and out of fear victim was unable to approach the police station.

In reply, learned lawyer for the petitioner submits there is a dispute between the parties and number of cases are pending.

We have considered materials on record. Victim lady stated she was forcibly ravished. Petitioner appears to be an influential person in the locality. Due to such influence, there was delay in lodging FIR.

Under such circumstances, we are not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the prayer for anticipatory bail is rejected.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)