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C.R.M.(DB) No. 3223 of 2022

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Haldia Police Station Case No. 109 dated 26.10.2017 under Section 363 of the Indian Penal Code.

And

In Re : Sarita Singh @ Mary @ Mery petitioner

Mr. Ayan Basu
Mr. Sourav Bera
Mr. Sumit Routh

... for the petitioner

Mr. Madhusudan Sur, learned APP
Mr. Dipankar Paramanick

... for the State

Learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits he is in custody for more than four years. It is further submitted there is slow progress in the trial of the case. He prays for bail.

Learned Counsel appearing for the State opposes the prayer for bail and submits petitioner and co-accuseds had trafficked the minor victim for sexual exploitation.

We have considered materials on record. Trial is in progress. Statements of the witnesses prima facie implicate the petitioner in the crime.

In view of the aforesaid incriminating materials and gravity of the offence which has far reaching social consequences, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

The application for bail is, thus, rejected.

Trial court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same at an early date preferably within one year from the next date fixed for recording evidence without granting unnecessary adjournment to either of the parties.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)