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C.R.M. (DB) No. 4078 of 2022

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Binpur Police Station Case No. 44 of 2022 dated 01.07.2022 under Sections 386/387/472/473/34 of the Indian Penal Code read with Section 25(6) of the Arms Act (Amendment) 2019..

And

In Re : Malay Karmakar ..... petitioner

Ms. Rituparna De Ghosh

... for the petitioner

Mr. Saswata Gopal Mukherjee, learned P.P.

Mr. Madhusudan Sur, learned APP

Mr. Dipankar Paramanick

... for the State

Learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner submits he is in custody for 145 days. It is also submitted that allegation against him is with regard to preparation of fake stamps which isailable. He prays for bail.

Learned Public Prosecutor opposes the prayer for bail and submits petitioner is a member of an organised racket who pretended to be Maoists and sent letters of extortion to local businessmen. Petitioner assisted co-accuseds by preparing fake stamps which were affixed on the said letters to create panic in the mind of the victim. He is implicated in a series of criminal cases.

We have considered the materials on record. Statements of witnesses and other documents collected in the course of investigation show petitioner actively participated in the

extortion racket by preparing fake stamps to create an impression that demands were coming from a banned organisation. Petitioner is involved in a series of criminal cases involving similar allegations.

In view of the aforesaid circumstances, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

The application for bail is, thus, rejected.

**(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)**

**(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)**