

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI
CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS JURISDICTION**

27.07.2022.
01.
Ct.No.28
as
(Rejected)

**C.R.M. (DB) 262 of 2022
(Via Video Conference)**

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with New Jalpaiguri P.S. Case No.1007 of 2020 dated 15.08.2020 under Section 4 of the POCSO Act and charge sheet submitted under Section 4 of the POCSO Act.

In the matter of : Laljee Mahato @ Lalji Mahto.
... Petitioner.

Ms. Madhushri Dutta.
...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Aditi Shankar Chakraborty, Id. A.P.P.,
Mr. Biswarup Roy,
Ms. Namrata Das.
...for the State.

Heard the learned Advocates appearing for the parties.

Petitioner renews his prayer for bail. It is submitted that there was a love affair between the petitioner and the victim girl.

Learned Advocate for the State opposes the prayer for bail.

We have considered the materials on record including the statement of the victim girl. It appears that the victim was trafficked for sexual exploitation outside the State of West Bengal.

In view of the materials on record, gravity of offence and as prayer for bail of the petitioner was rejected earlier, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is rejected.

(Ananya Bandyopadhyay,J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)