

**IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI
APPELLATE SIDE**

27.09.2022.
05.
Ct.No.28
as
(Rejected)

C.R.M. (DB) 364 of 2022

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Women (Siliguri) P.S. Case No.19 of 2022 dated 14.02.2022 under Sections 366A/370/370A/506/34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 6 of the POCSO Act.

In the matter of : Pankaj Mondal.

... Petitioner.

Mr. Joydeep Kanta Bhowmik.

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Aditi Shankar Chakraborty, Id. A.P.P.,
Mr. Ujjwal Luksom,
Mr. Biswarup Roy.

...for the State.

Petitioner is in custody for 221 days. He submits he is not the principal accused. He prays for bail.

Learned Advocate for the State opposes the prayer for bail.

We have considered the materials on record. Statement of the victim shows petitioner had also ravished the victim who was sought to be trafficked for sexual exploitation.

In view of the prima facie involvement of the petitioner in the crime and gravity of the offence, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

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

(Ajay Kumar Gupta,J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)