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Ct.No.28
Sourav/
Suvayan
(Rejected)

**In the High Court at Calcutta
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri
Criminal Miscellaneous Jurisdiction**

C.R.M. (DB) 381 of 2022

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Jalpaiguri Women** Police Station Case No. **04** of **2022** dated **12.01.2022** under Section **6** of the POCSO Act, 2012 read with Section **376** of the Indian Penal Code.

In the matter of : **Ratan Bhattacharjee**

... Petitioner.

Mr. Pravas Bhattacharyya

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Aditi Shankar Chakraborty

Mr. Nilay Chakraborty

Mr. Biswarup Roy

....for the State.

Although, it is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that the petitioner is in custody for 287 days, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, considering the gravity of the offence as revealed from the materials placed before us.

Accordingly, the application being **CRM (DB) 381 of 2022** is rejected.

We, however, deem it fit to direct the learned Court below to make an effort in expediting the appeal and ensure that the trial reaches its logical conclusion preferably within a period of four months from today.

(Moushumi Bhattacharya, J.)

(Saugata Bhattacharyya, J.)