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[Rejected]

C. R. M. (DB) 2141 of 2023

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 25.05.2023 in connection with Bidhannagar Cyber Crime Police Station Case No.98 of 2022 dated 23.06.2022 under Sections 419/420/467/468/469/471/120B/201/34 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 66C/66D of the Information Technology Act. (G.R. Case No.648 of 2022)

And

In Re: ***Raneet Acharya***

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Sujan Chatterjee
Mr. Anirban Guha Thakurta
Mr. Sompurna Sinha

... .. for the petitioner

Mr. Rudradipta Nandy .. Id. Addl. Public Prosecutor
Mr. Swapan Banerjee
Mr. Suman De

... .. for the State

It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that he is not the principal accused. His voice sample had not matched with that of the caller who cheated individuals. Accordingly, he prays for bail.

Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposes the prayer for bail and submits petitioner is a conspirator. He committed identity theft and supplied the co-accused with essential particulars including phone numbers of the victims. Charge has been framed and the case is ready for trial.

We have considered the materials on record. Petitioner and co-accused had conspired and set up a call centre to cheat various persons under the guise of working in Microsoft INC. Petitioner assisted other co-accused by providing personal details including phone numbers of the victims. Trial is about to commence. Prayer for bail of

co-accused had been turned down. Under such circumstances, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

The application for bail is thus rejected.

Trial court is directed to expedite the trial and conclude the same at an early date.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)