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C.R.M. (DB) 3146 of 2023

In Re : An application for bail under section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Gariahat P.S. Case No. 176 of 2016 dated 18.10.2016 under sections 366A/120B/370/372/373 IPC read with sections 3/4/5/6/7 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act

and

In Re : Pradip Banerjee @ Mukherjee petitioner

Mr. D K Prahladka
Ms. Reshmi Khatun

..... for the petitioner

Mr. Sudip Ghosh
Mr. Bitasok Banerjee

..... for the State

Mr. Rames Kumar Sinha

..... for the victim Girl

Petitioner is in custody for more than six years. There is delay in trial. He prays for bail.

Learned lawyer for the State opposes the bail prayer. He submits trial is at its fag end. Date has been fixed for examination of the petitioner under section 313 Cr.P.C

Learned lawyer for the de facto complainant also opposes the bail prayer.

We have considered the materials on record. Though petitioner is in custody for more than six years, trial is at its fag end.

Under such circumstances, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail is rejected.

(Ajay Kumar Gupta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)