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**C.R.M. (DB) 3284 of 2023**

In Re : An application for bail under section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Gangnapur P.S. Case No. 15 of 2022 dated 17.1.2022 under sections 376AB IPC and section 6 of the POCSO Act  
and

In Re : Raju Mondal ..... petitioner

Mr. S Majumder

..... for the petitioner

Mr. Swapan Banerjee

Mr. A S Chatterjee

..... for the State

1. Petitioner submits he is innocent. He renews his bail prayer.
2. Learned lawyer for the State opposes the bail prayer.
3. We have considered the materials on record. Bail prayer of the petitioner was rejected earlier on merits. Trial has substantially proceeded since then.
4. Keeping in mind the aforesaid fact and the gravity of offence, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

Accordingly, the prayer for bail is rejected.

**(Rai Chattopadhyay, J.)**

**(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)**