

29.08.2023.
21.
Ct.No.28
as
(Rejected)

C.R.M. (DB) 3377 of 2023

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Dhantala P.S. Case No.412 of 2021 dated 31.08.2021 under Sections 363/365/366B/370/34 of the Indian Penal Code read with Section 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act and Section 13 of the Foreigners Act.

In the matter of : Bakul Mondal.

... Petitioner.

Mr. Shataroop Purkayastha,
Mr. Jagriti Bhattacharya.

...for the Petitioner.

Mr. Mdhusudan Sur, Id. A.P.P.,
Mr. Manoranjan Mahata.

...for the State.

1. Petitioner is in custody for 728 days. He submits there is slow progress in the matter. He renews his bail prayer.
2. Learned Advocate for the State opposes the bail prayer. He submits petitioner is involved in trafficking of victim for sexual exploitation. Charge has been framed but the victim has not yet been examined.
3. We have considered the materials on record. Vulnerable witness is yet to be examined. There is progress in the matter since rejection of bail by this Court.
4. Under such circumstances and in view of nature of offence, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.
5. Accordingly, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is rejected.

(Gaurang Kanth, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)

