

02.03.2023

Sl. No.20
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[Rejected]

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri

C. R. M. (DB) 65 of 2023

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 17.01.2023 in connection with Mathabhanga Police Station Case No. 544 of 2021 dated 14.09.2021 under Section 6 of the POCSO Act.

And

In Re: ***Khil Mohan Namadas @ Khil Mohan Namadas***

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Sayan Chattopadhyay

... .. for the petitioner

Mr. Nilay Chakraborty

Mr. Arjun Chowdhury

... .. for the State

Petitioner renews his prayer for bail. It is submitted on behalf of the petitioner that he is in custody for more than a year.

Learned Advocate for the State opposes the prayer for bail.

Mother of one of the victims is present and she also opposes the prayer for bail.

We have considered the materials on record. Two minor girls were raped by the petitioner. In view of gravity of the offence and evidence on record, 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 preferably within six months from the next date fixed for recording evidence without granting unnecessary adjournments to either of the parties.

(Subhendu Samanta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)

