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[Rejected]

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA

Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri

C. R. M. (DB) 125 of 2023

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure filed on 23.02.2023 in connection with Bhaktinagar Police Station Case No. 1521 of 2021 dated 28.11.2021 under Section 4 of the POCSO Act.

And

In Re: ***Litan Roy***

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Sandeep Dutta

... .. for the petitioner

Mr. Ujjwal Luksom

Mr. Sagnik Sankar Sikdar

... .. 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 one year.

Learned Advocate for the State opposes the prayer for bail.

We have considered the materials on record including the statement of the minor victim. She has implicated the petitioner in the offence of penetrative sexual assault. 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 preferably within six months from the next date fixed for recording evidence without delay.

(Subhendu Samanta, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)

