

**CIRCUIT BENCH OF CALCUTTA HIGH COURT
AT JALPAIGURI**

04.04.2023
Court No.1
(D/L 32)
(rejected)

CRM (DB) 147 OF 2023

In Re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 filed on 23.03.2023 in connection with Women (Jalpaiguri) Police Station Case No.04 of 2022 dated 12.01.2022 under Sections 376 (AB) of the Indian Penal Code read with Section 6 of POCSO Act, 2012 corresponding to Sessions (Pocso) Case No.08 of 2022.

And

In the matter of: **Ratan Bhattacharjee**

... Petitioner.

Mr. Jaydeep Kanta Bhowmik
Mr. Sayantan Bhowmik

... for the petitioner.

Mr. Aditi Shankar Chakraborty, APP
Mr. Kallol Acharjee
Mr. Aniruddha Biswas

... for the State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for bail stressing upon the point that in spite of specific direction by a Coordinate Bench of this Court for expeditious trial the matter has not been concluded as yet.

It is submitted by the learned counsel for the State that charge has been framed and the trial will commence shortly.

Perused the medical report as annexed at page 14 and 15 to the revisional application and the other materials in the case diary and also considering the nature of offence and the materials on record, the prayer for bail stands rejected at this stage.

The learned Special Court (POCSO) is directed to ensure that the trial is concluded as expeditiously as possible. Both the prosecution and the defence will ensure total cooperation with the Court in disposing of the Sessions case at the earliest.

The application for bail is, accordingly, rejected.

[SHAMPA DUTT (PAUL), J.]

(RAJARSHI BHARADWAJ, J.)