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C.R.M. (DB) 878 of 2024

In Re : An application for bail under section 439 Cr.P.C in connection with Kotwali PS case no. 462 of 2023 dated 14.6.2023 under sections 363/366A/370/370A/372/373/120B/34 IPC read with sections 3/4/5/6/7/9 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act
And

In Re : Sukanta Bhandari petitioner

Mr. M Chaaterje
Mr. Manas Das
Mr. D Majumder

..... for the petitioner

Mr. Suman De

..... for the State

1. Petitioner submits he is in no way concocted with trafficking of women. He has been falsely implicated. He prays for bail.
2. Learned lawyer for the State opposes the bail prayer.
3. We have considered the evidence on record. Statements of witnesses show petitioner played a role in the organized crime racket of procuring women for sexual exploitation.
4. In view of the nature of offence having social ramifications and as vulnerable witnesses are yet to be examined, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.
5. Accordingly, prayer for bail is rejected.

(Gaurang Kanth, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)