

rejected

C.R.M.(DB) No. 889 of 2024

In Re:- An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Egra Police Station Case No. 649 of 2020 dated 15.12.2020 under Sections 363/366/365/34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 4 of the POCSO Act.

.... petitioner

....for the petitioner

... for the State

.... for the de facto complainant

1. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits he is in custody for more than three years. He prays for bail.

2. Learned Counsel for the State opposes the prayer for bail and submits trial is at its fag end. All prosecution witnesses have been examined. Learned Counsel assures the Court that trial shall be concluded within six months from date subject to co-operation by the defence and systemic reasons.

3. We have considered the materials on record. Though petitioner is in custody for a protracted period, trial is at its fag end. Prosecution assures the Court to conclude trial within six months from date subject to co-operation by the defence and systemic reasons. Under such circumstances and

in view of gravity of the offence, we are not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage.

4. Application for bail is, thus, rejected.

(Gaurang Kanth, J.)

(Joymalya Bagchi, J.)