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Serial no. 2
[G.S.D]

CRM (SB) 58 of 2024

In re : An Application for **Bail** under Section **439** of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Malda Police Station Case No. 181 of 2023 dt. 06.04.2023 under Section 10 of the POCSO Act.**

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In the matter of : Ranjit Halder

... .. Petitioner

Mr. Amitabha Karmakar

Mr. Arup Kumar Bhowmick

... for the petitioner

Mr. Rana Mukherjee

Mr. Ratul Ghosh

... for the State

Affidavit of service so filed be kept with the record.

The petitioner has renewed his prayer for bail.

The records of the case reflect that the petitioner was arrested in April, 2023 and, since then, he is in custody.

Ld. advocate for the petitioner submits that earlier there was a direction passed by this court to renew the prayer for bail after the evidence of the victim is over.

Ld. advocate submits that since the petitioner is in custody for a considerable period of time and the evidence of the victim is over, he may be released on bail on any stringent condition.

Mr. Mukherjee, Id. advocate for the State, opposes the prayer for bail. He draws the attention of the court to the medical report.

I have considered the statement of the victim as well as her evidence including the medical reports and, on an assessment of the same, I am of the view that further detention of the petitioner may not be warranted in the facts and circumstances of the case.

Hence, the prayer for bail of the petitioner is **Allowed.**

Accordingly, the petitioner viz, Ranjit Halder shall be released on bail upon furnishing bond of Rs.10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand only), with two sureties of like amount each, one of whom must be local, to the satisfaction of the Id. Special Court, Malda/Id. CJM, Malda.

If on bail, the petitioner shall be physically present on each and every date so fixed by the Id. trial court and will not leave the district of Malda without the permission of the Id. Special Court, Malda.

Accordingly, CRM(SB) 58 of 2024 is **allowed.**

Pending application(s), if any, is also disposed of.

Case Diary be returned to the Id. advocate for the State.

Parties to act on a server copy of this order duly collected from the official website of the Hon'ble High Court, Calcutta.

Urgent Photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties subject to compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Tirthankar Ghosh, J.)