

CRM (DB) 1922 of 2024

In re: An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with **Ramnagar Police Station** Case No. **24 of 2022** dated **15.02.2022** under Sections **363/365/366A/368/370/372/376d/376(2)(n)/120B** of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3/5/6/7/9 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act and Sections 4/14 of the POCSO Act.
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In the matter of : Soma @ Nanda Rani Maity

.... Petitioner.

Mr. Mrityunjoy Chatterjee,
Mr. D. Majumdar,

... For the Petitioner.

Mr. Arijit Ganguly,
Mr. D. Brahma,

... For the State.

The petitioner renews her prayer for bail which was rejected by an order dated January 30, 2024.

The allegation is that the petitioner is the kingpin of a racket involved in transnational trafficking of women. This is a very serious allegation.

The State says that the last witness was examined in chief on 03.07.2024. July 11, 2024 has been fixed for cross examination of the last witness. Report filed by the State be kept with the records.

We are conscious that right to personal liberty and speedy trial are fundamental rights of a citizen and the petitioner has been in custody for two years four months. However, given the gravity of the charge and the prima facie incriminating material against the petitioner, we are not inclined to enlarge her on bail at this stage.

CRM (DB) 1922 of 2024 is, thus, dismissed.

However, we request the learned Trial Court to conclude the trial by delivery of judgment within two months from the next date fixed for recording of evidence.

In the event, the learned Trial Court does not conclude the trial within the time period indicated herein, the petitioner will be at liberty to renew her prayer for bail. Parties are directed to communicate this order to the learned Trial Court.

All parties shall act in terms of server copy of the order downloaded from the official website of this Court.

(Apurba Sinha Ray, J.)

(Arijit Banerjee, J.)